

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603C-40) (12-10) DATE 5/21/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY
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Identity of Source: [REDACTED]

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Reliability:

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Date of Activity:

4/22/58

Date Received:

4/24/58

Agent Receiving:

SA [REDACTED]

Location of Information:

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On 4/24/58, [REDACTED] furnished a three page handwritten report, dated 4/23/58 containing information about a Communist Party Club meeting held on 4/22/58 at [REDACTED] Bronx, New York.

If this information is disseminated outside the Bureau it should be carefully paraphrased to conceal the source's identity.

Before considering any of the mentioned subjects in this report for interview please check with Supervisor of 12-10.

A copy of this report follows:

1- [REDACTED] Personal Attention) (Inv) (12-10)

1- NY 100-13447 [REDACTED]

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1- NY 100-106964 [REDACTED] 0)

1- NY 100-47142 (May Day Activities of CP) (19)

1- NY 100-83378 [REDACTED]

1- NY 100-90256 [REDACTED]

1- NY 100-82157 [REDACTED]

1- NY 100-84303 [REDACTED]

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1- NY 100-133481 [REDACTED]

1- NY 100-25857 (PAUL ROBESON) (12-15)

1- NY 100-108446 [REDACTED]

1- NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership and Recruiting) (19-2) 1-6

1- NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds) (19)

1- NY 100-89691 (CP, USA, Domestic Administrative Issues) (19)

1- NY 100-60640 [REDACTED]

1- NY 100-26603C1945 (North East Section Bnx. CP) (12-10)

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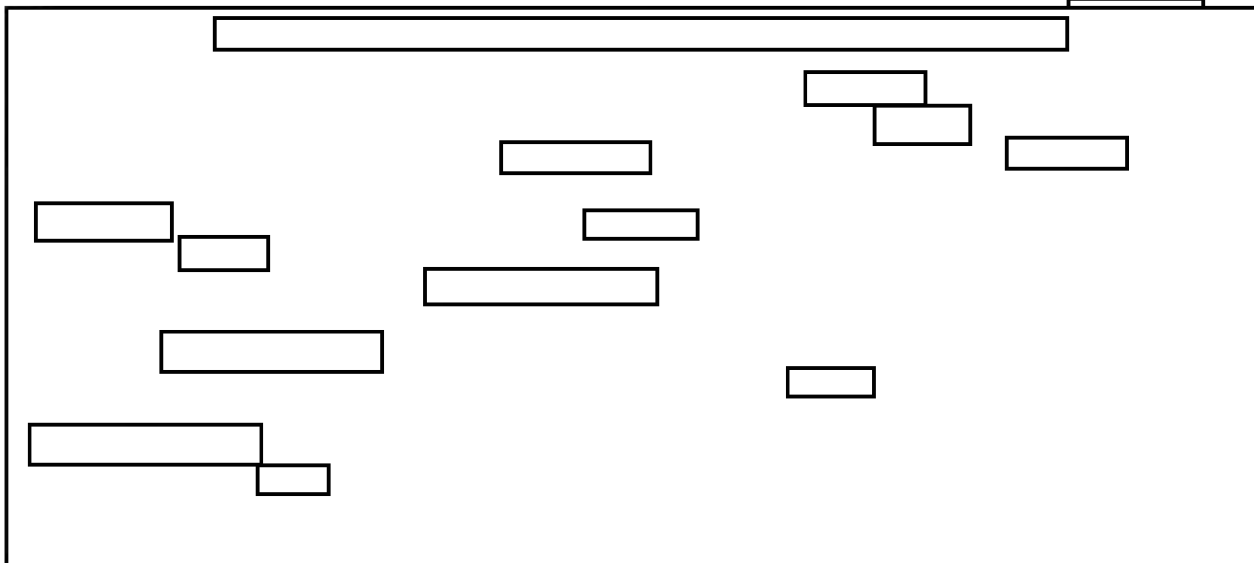
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On 4-21-58 at 10:00 PM, [redacted] phoned and stated the writer should come to his home at [redacted] [redacted] to be brought to the Communist club meeting on 4-22-58 at 900 PM the club meeting took place at [redacted] in the apartment of [redacted] There were 12 persons present [redacted] and all in middle age and past middle age except [redacted] who is in the early 20's.



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The topics discussed were the results of the members sale of tickets for the [redacted] birthday dance, giving art leaflets at the [redacted] for May Day, purchase of tickets for May Day celebrations, and collection of money subscribed for greetings in the May Day issue of The Worker. The club collected \$50 but it was too late to hand the names in so it was decided to hold the money for the future. [redacted] stated he would receive 450 copies of the worker and arranged for its distribution to subscribers by the members. The writer regretted his inability to take

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on any assignments because of where he lived. The chairman [] stated that when there was any activity in the Parkchester area a transfer would be arranged and not to worry about it now.

[] led a discussion on the Party Program on the Recession, taxes, and monopoly policies and asked the members what could be done in the neighborhood. [] stated the only activity worth while was to organize tenants against a rent rise. She stated most of the tenants could not be stirred up about other issues and contrasted the present with the depression when the masses were more active. [] stated that social security pension and unemployment insurance that blunted the effects of the recession were largely caused by fear of the Communist nations.

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[] sold copies of Political Affairs and other Communist publications. The next meeting on 5-13-58 will be at [] there would be a section meeting. The subject was going to be on Youth. One of the members wily stated that [] who was to be the speaker would not be happy when the majority of the members were gray heads. The writer was congratulated on rejoining the Communist Party.

It is noted that on 4/25/58, SA [] displayed several photos to the source.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

FROM : SA JOHN E. KEATING

DATE: 5-22-58

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ILLINOIS DISTRICT
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CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE. IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE BRACKETS ARE USED TO ENCLOSE A NAME OR WORDS, THE ENCLOSED PORTION IS NOT ACTUALLY PROVIDED BY THIS SOURCE BUT IS ASSUMED AND INSERTED FOR THE SAKE OF CLARITY.

CG 6031-S* on May 5, 1958, provided information reflecting that [] was at the headquarters of the Communist Party of Illinois, 36 West Randolph Street, Chicago, and contacted [] in New York City.

[] asked if [] received the "copy" as yet, and [] replied that he had not. [] said he should receive it no later than 11:00 o'clock this morning.

[] asked how the Springfield thing (United Auto Workers mobilization on unemployment) went. [] said it was terrific. About 1,500 people marched on the Governor's mansion and "they" did a beautiful job on mobilizing the State. [] said that he

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5 - New York (REGISTERED)

- (1 - 100-80638) (CP-USA, Membership) (#7-5)
- (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization) (#7-5)
- (1 - 100-89590) (CP-USA, Strategy in Industry) (#7-5)
- (1 - 100-25623) []
- (1 - 100-13203) []

1 - Springfield (100-) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Strategy in Industry) (REGISTERED)

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5 - Chicago

- (1 - 100-17769) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Funds)
- (1 - 100-19431) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Strategy in Industry)
- (1 - 100-25191) (Freedom of the Press Committee)
- (1 - 100-2748) []

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wrote a couple of "beautiful" pieces on it and would like for it to be on the front page of the paper. [] also stated that he distributed May Day pamphlets while in Springfield. When [] asked if he did this for free, [] replied that he did.

Next [] said that there were about 200 people at the May Day meeting, and \$340 was collected. [] said that this is better than New York did, and that "the people on the way out find things to criticize". [] asked if they still have people in that category. [] said "Yes, either going or have gone -- I'm not sure which."

[] said he is not certain that he will be in New York next week on the "packing thing". [] told [] to let them know. [] said he talked with [], and [] thinks [] should come in.

In conclusion, [] asked what [] other schedule is, and [] said he does not know. Due to the money situation, the trips have to be cut down.

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Letter to all districts, dated 5/15/58,
regarding registration from JACK SHULMAN.

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Remarks:

Informant obtained this item at CP, USA headquarters
on 5/24/58.

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① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA Membership) (7-5)
1 - New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (12-15)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)#7-5

DATE: May 26, 1958

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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NY 1857-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/2/58 that ISADORE WOFSY conferred with [REDACTED] in the latter's office at 505 5th Ave., NYC, on that date.

During the course of the conversation, WOFSY asked [REDACTED] what the actual registration was in New York as he had seen that the "New York Post" had published a figure of three thousand nationally. [REDACTED] said that there were "nearly" three thousand in New York. When WOFSY challenged this latter figure, [REDACTED] offered the following estimates:

Bronx	-	300
Brooklyn	-	300
Manhattan	-	600
Queens	-	200
Nassau	-	100
Upstate	-	200
(total		1700)

WOFSY concluded, "You know, I'm afraid the "Post" may be right; you see, New York generally has about sixty percent."

Later, according to the informant, [REDACTED] joined the discussion. [REDACTED] was critical of BEN DAVIS' speech at the May Day Rally at Carnegie Hall, characterizing it as "bombast -- nice bombast, and I enjoyed it as far as that goes, but no content, nothing said in either direction, nothing to stir them up." [REDACTED] also said that some organization plans should have been given at the rally, even though someone said that was not the purpose of the rally, because there were "twenty-five hundred of our people" there who were full of questions which should have been answered.

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- 1 - 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY) (#7-5)
- 1 - 100-12481 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-128817 (NEW YORK DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP) (7-6)
- 1 - 100-26603-C40 (CP, NY DIST., BRONX) (#12-10)
- 1 - 100-26603-C41 (CP, NY DIST., QUEENS) (#12-13)
- 1 - 100-26603-C42 (CP, NY DIST., NY) (#12-14)
- 1 - 100-26603-C43 (CP, NY DIST., KINGS) (#12-11)
- 1 - 100-7658 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (#7-5)
- 1 - 100-82905 [REDACTED]

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[redacted] said that [redacted] did the singing at the rally. He was originally from Minnesota but now lives with his wife and family in Brooklyn. [redacted] was critical of [redacted] insistence upon singing at Carnegie Hall without a microphone "like Caruso" when his voice was actually more suited to "little Party gatherings" in Minnesota. [redacted] said [redacted] was formerly a member of the Metropolitan Company, but his voice is not quite good enough to be a real pro and so he is a "near miss" in the musical world -- starving to death.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)(100-3-69)(100-)
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12510)(100-12170)(100-17820)
 RE: CP, USA
 MARYLAND - D. C. DISTRICT
 BALTIMORE DIVISION
 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
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[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/26/58 that a CP Eastern Regional Conference meeting took place at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, 5/18/58.

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At the above meeting, an unidentified CP member from New York wrote on a blackboard the words "auto" and "steel," and then marked down "3000." He then indicated that the Party had contact with, pointing to the "3000" in, pointing to "auto" and "steel." He then further explained that the Party could not say that a third of the people, referring to the 3000,

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were actually members of the CP, but he knew that they were all sympathetic to "our" policies and programs.

The person at the blackboard later wrote down "un-American," obviously referring to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and said that the, pointing to the "3000" were afraid of the, pointing to the "un-American."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-72)

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33758)

CP, USA
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
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Rebulet, 5/2/58, calling for a summary of pertinent information concerning the Midwest Regional CP Conference held in CG on 5/24-25/58. Although announced as an "Election Conference," the Conference dealt with several additional topics.

The information set forth below was received from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, the only informant in attendance, on 5/24-25/58, by SAs CARL N. FREYMAN and [redacted]

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- 7- Cleveland (REGISTERED)
 - 1- 100-17257 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1- 100- (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1- 100-222 [redacted]
 - 1- 100-16735 [redacted]
 - 1- 100-4212 (HYMAN LUMER)
 - 1- 100- [redacted]
 - 1- 100- [redacted]
- 10- Detroit (REGISTERED)
 - 1- 100-2050 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1- 100-17161 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - 1- 100-6075 (COMINFIL, UAW, AFL-CIO)
 - 1- 100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
 - 1- 100-13740 (HELEN WINTER)
 - 1- 100-945 [redacted]
 - 1- 100- [redacted]
 - 1- 100-8482 [redacted]
 - 1- 100-807 [redacted]
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- 4- Indianapolis (REGISTERED)
1- [REDACTED]
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1- 100-11206 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
1- 65-1238 [REDACTED]
- 3- Milwaukee (REGISTERED)
1- 100-421 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1- 100-4 (FRED B. BLAIR)
1- 100- [REDACTED]
- 3- Minneapolis (REGISTERED)
1- 100-1878P (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1- 61-29 (CLARENCE SHARP)
1- 100-371 [REDACTED]
- 13- New York (REGISTERED)
1- 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
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1- 100-128817 (CP, USA - NEW YORK DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP)
1- 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
1- 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER)
- 3- St. Louis (REGISTERED)
1- 100-7781 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1- 100-7625 [REDACTED]
1- 100-6970 [REDACTED]
- 1- Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
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- 1- 100-32207 (CINAL)
- 1- 100-18953 (ILLINOIS CP, ORGANIZATION)
- 1- 100-18962 (ILLINOIS CP, SECURITY MEASURES)
- 1- 100-18963 (ILLINOIS CP, FACTIONALISM)
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- 1- 100-19431 (ILLINOIS CP, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
- 1- 100-18956 (ILLINOIS CP, NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1- 100-34438 (ILLINOIS CP, ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE
MASS ORGANIZATIONS)
- 1- 100-7441 (COMINFIL, UAW, AFL-CIO)
- 1- 100-24729 (EMANUEL BLUM)
- 1- 100-3301 [REDACTED]
- 1- 100-18001 (FRED FINE)
- 1- 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
- 1- 100-20372 (JOSEPH P. KING)
- 1- 100-2748 [REDACTED]
- 1- 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1- 100-18457 [REDACTED]
- 1- 100-20289 [REDACTED]
- 1- 100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)

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A Midwest Regional Conference of the CP, USA was held on 5/24-25/58, at Milda Hall, 3140 South Halsted Street, Chicago. The address of the meeting place was furnished by [redacted] to representatives to the Conference on a slip of paper at Illinois CP Headquarters, 36 West Randolph Street, on Saturday morning, 5/24/58, prior to the first session of the meeting which convened at 2:00 p.m. [redacted] incorrectly listed this address as 3137 South Halsted.

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The following individuals were in attendance:

National Executive Committee members

EUGENE DENNIS
HYMAN LUMER

Illinois District

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
[redacted]

FRED FINE
FLORA HALL

[redacted] (Sunday only)

MOLLIE WEST (Sunday only)

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[redacted] are not members of the
National Committee.)

Indiana District

[redacted]
EMANUEL BLUM

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Michigan District

TOMMY DENNIS
CARL WINTER
HELEN WINTER
NAT GANLEY

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Minnesota District

[redacted]

(photograph identified)
CLARENCE SHARP (photograph identified)

Missouri District

[redacted]

Ohio District

[redacted]

[redacted] (a painter from the AFL; white, male,
6' 1-2", blond; who attended Regional Labor
Conference in CG on 3/8-9/58)

[redacted] (white, female; 5' 2", 110 lbs.; dark
brown hair, wears glasses, 35-40 years old,
possibly [redacted])

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Wisconsin District

FRED B. BLAIR (identified from photo)

[redacted] (white; male, 6', 165-170 lbs.,
slender, black hair, protruding lips, long nose,
wears glasses)

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First session, 5/24/58, 2:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

TOMMY DENNIS was named chairman and called the meeting to order and announced the agenda:

- a. report on 1958 National election campaigns
by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
- b. report on economic situation in the U.S. by
HY LUMER
- c. report on negotiations of the UAW, AFL-CIO by
CARL WINTER
- d. report on Consolidation of the Party by
EUGENE DENNIS

Report of LIGHTFOOT on
1958 election campaigns

The line of LIGHTFOOT's report, which was based on the "Draft Illinois Electoral Policy Statement - 1958," placed emphasis on the broad opportunities for the Party in mass activity in connection with the 1958 election campaigns. LIGHTFOOT reviewed the situation nationally in the Republican and Democratic Parties and stated that there was an alliance between the Republicans and Southern Democrats.

LIGHTFOOT emphasized the need for more Negro representatives in both Houses of the Congress and stated that often Negro candidates are blocked by white liberals. He urged that Negro candidates be supported when these circumstances arise.

LIGHTFOOT said that each election District has a different situation and the Party must find a pattern of work for each District. He cited the work done by the Party in the South Bend, Indiana area where a Party member had been a

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candidate but stated that this approach might not work in other Districts. He said that one form of Party electoral activity might be the support of independent candidates in some areas and another form would be the support of Democratic or Republican candidates in other areas. He referred to the experience of the Party in California as still a different form of electoral activity, since the California Party had agreed not to support an independent candidate in order to concentrate efforts on the defeat of Senator WILLIAM KNOWLAND for Governor.

LIGHTFOOT spoke of the growing consolidation of socialist groups in the Chicago area including the Trotskyites, the Socialist Labor Party and independent socialists. He said the position of these groups is too far "left" and they have been asking the Party for support. He said these groups support The Reverend JOE KING as an independent candidate in the Second Congressional District and the Party cannot support KING because his platform calls for socialism without compromise and the electorate will not support this type of platform.

Referring to W. E. B. DUBOIS, LIGHTFOOT stated that three to four thousand dollars was raised in Chicago at a meeting organized by the "Negro Bourgeoise" where DUBOIS spoke in favor of socialism. He said DUBOIS was not a Trotskyite and the Party could work with him.

LIGHTFOOT also spoke of the possibility of an anti-monopoly coalition which would result from a regrouping of political forces in the U.S. formed in opposition to the Southern Democrats.

After discussion and reports from other Districts, the report of LIGHTFOOT was accepted as a basis for the general line of Party work in the 1958 election campaigns.

A motion was made that each District prepare accounts of experiences and problems in electoral work and submit this

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material by June 15, 1958, for inclusion in the July, 1958 issue of "Political Affairs." HY LUMER promised that this material would be printed if it was submitted by the Districts.

Report on the economic situation
in the U.S. by HY LUMER

LUMER cited facts and figures to support his main theme that the U. S. is already in a depression of the classical cycle described by KARL MARX. After NAT GANLEY questioned this estimate, there was a sharp exchange and LUMER flatly stated that it is his estimate that the U.S. is in a depression today.

Report on the negotiations of
the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO
by CARL WINTER

WINTER gave a lengthy report in which he referred to WALTER REUTHER and the AFL-CIO leadership as "class collaborationists". He said the reason for the current deadlock in the UAW negotiations is an inaccurate estimate of the economic situation on the part of the union leadership. He said REUTHER had compromised the struggle for a shorter work week first by accepting the Guaranteed Annual Wage during the last contract negotiations and now by advancing the profit sharing program while bargaining for a new contract. WINTER said that REUTHER has now retreated from his original demands concerning profit sharing and has indicated a willingness to continue contract negotiations for three months and a willingness to forego the annual improvement factor.

WINTER said that in the Detroit area, EMIL MAZEY had spoken before meetings and stated that the working class should have socialism. WINTER also said that there will be a convention of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation

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in Detroit soon and a large representation from labor will attend. He said this all illustrates a growing tendency within the labor movement to consider and discuss socialism and it presents a broad area of possibilities for Party work among trade unions.

WINTER spoke of the possibility of working with non-Trotskyite socialist forums and said that he had spoken before such forums. He said that although he did not visualize the participation of the CP in the so-called "mass party of socialism," there is an area of work for the Party, both inside and outside the trade union movement, with these various forums, which will serve to advance the anti-monopoly coalition.

WINTER agreed with LIGHTFOOT that the Trotskyites and similar groups are on the wrong track when they call for socialism in their electoral platforms in an uncompromising manner. He said the Party should not favor a third party candidate when an acceptable liberal candidate is on the ticket.

WINTER said the Party must fight against the mistaken belief held by many trade union leaders that large scale gains cannot be made during periods of economic recession and high unemployment. He said the Party must also make every effort to unite the employed and unemployed workers and to unite the Negro and white workers and to attempt to form an alliance between labor and the small businessmen.

WINTER called for a full discussion of REUTHER's plan to permit the Auto Workers to work without a contract, although he said he recognized that this would put the unions in a better bargaining position when production begins on the 1959 models. He also spoke of the need to negotiate entirely new contracts instead of amending the old contracts since new contracts would offer the opportunity to eliminate many established

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harmful practices employed by management against workers.

WINTER stated that the continuing contract negotiations can and should be regarded as a phase of labor's struggle which is no less important than an actual strike.

WINTER then discussed the importance of mobilizing from below and the need for the Party to work in the trade unions on a Local and shop level. He said the main gains can be made at this level and that shop level grievances should be exploited. He called for more unity between Locals with similar problems and an improvement of communications between Locals. He said the national trade union leadership should keep the Locals better informed on the progress of negotiations.

Concluding, WINTER stated that whatever course the contract negotiations may take, the unions should be in a position to display their maximum strength and Locals should set up machinery, such as strike committees, to rally all their forces if needed.

Discussion on the reports of LUMER and WINTER was not concluded during the first session.

Second session, 5/25/58, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

FLORA HALL served as chairman and after further discussion on the reports of HY LUMER and CARL WINTER, these reports were accepted.

LUMER announced that a summary of the Conference would appear in "Party Affairs".

Report on Consolidation of the Party
by EUGENE DENNIS

DENNIS stated that the most important task of the Party at this time is to rebuild the Party politically and organizationally and this was the central theme of his report.

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DENNIS discussed the resignation of 26 Party leaders in Northern California and stated that these individuals had issued a statement indicating that they were willing to meet with other "dissenters" in the Party on a national scale. He commended WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, ARCHIE BROWN and AL RICHMOND for an article which they had written denouncing the "26". DENNIS stated that CARL WINTER and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT were doing a good job in consolidating the Party in their own Districts.

DENNIS spoke about the Party activity in promoting 100,000 copies of ROBESON's book and in starting mass activity concerning unemployment and starting mass activity on the Negro question. He said that Washington, Northern California, Ohio and Indiana were doing a good job in the struggle against the "right to work" laws. He mentioned that, in California and Washington, a special edition of "Peoples World", 50,000 copies, was issued and distributed. He also said that the Party was beginning to raise questions concerning the auto industry in Michigan.

Concerning the peace movement, DENNIS stated that it was growing strong throughout the country but that the movement had not been started on Party initiative and that the Party has not been in it as a Party.

DENNIS stated that the national leadership will prepare a national program for the CP, USA concerning jobs and security and that the National Executive Committee will work on this program.

DENNIS stated that the instances which he had cited represented uneven beginnings for the Party but that these programs are growing in strength and help to influence events. He stressed the need for greater boldness by Party members in projecting the Party program in mass organizations and trade unions, and he cited reports which had been made by various Districts represented at the Conference.

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Concerning registration, DENNIS stated that in February there had been 3,000 members registered in the Party nationally and that now there are 6,000. He mentioned that Ohio had registered 86% of its membership and that New York State now had 2,400 members registered. He said the New York State Committee hopes to attain a registered membership of 4,000 by the end of 1958.

In connection with rebuilding the Party, DENNIS made the following proposals:

- // a. to extend the registration period in order to increase the size of the Party.
- // b. organize a national program of Party recruitment with a recruitment drive to run from Labor Day to December, 1958.
- // c. establish contact with readers of "The Worker" for recruitment purposes and for mass contacts.
- d. promote increase in sales of "The Worker." He said sales had recently increased by 2,500 subscriptions and 3,000 in bundles. He said that "The Worker" needs 600 new or renewal subscriptions to survive and that it costs \$1,600 per week to issue the paper.
- e. there must be an early completion of the Fund Drive and transmittal of the money to the National Office because "The Worker" needs the money badly.
- f. better organization in District committees regarding the Fund Drive and the organization of fund raising forums and other fund raising affairs.

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- g. a program to overcome the "looseness" in the handling of Party literature. Literature sales are down, especially "Political Affairs" in several different areas.
- h. a program to organize classes around the articles in "Political Affairs".

Concerning Party cadre, DENNIS stated that the Party had lost a number of old and experienced people through resignations and other causes but that new people are coming forward. He said the Party must help the sections to form a wider corps of young people, women and Negroes and the Party must help the sections to train cadre.

DENNIS stated that rebuilding the Party will help the Party regain legality and that the Party itself is not doing enough in the field of civil liberties. He said the Party is letting other organizations do the work in this field and that the Party itself must increase its work. He said the Party should combine with the struggle of the mass organizations, trade unions and the Democratic Party in regard to civil liberties.

DENNIS stated that the Party must experiment and seek out ways to organize the non-Party "left" including militant socialists, and work with these groups.

After DENNIS' report, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT spoke and called for an end to factionalism but stated that the Party must respect minority opinions so long as these opinions are advanced within Party channels. He said the Party must tie its activities to the mass movements but still play an independent role while working with the non-Party "Left".

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FRED FINE spoke in opposition to the views expressed by DENNIS and LIGHTFOOT and stated there were between one-half to one million "left oriented" people in the country and that the Party must consolidate these forces. He said that the door has been slammed on the decisions of the 16th National Convention. He disagreed with the interview of ROBERT THOMPSON which appeared in the May 4, 1958 issue of "The Worker" and said that THOMPSON had used "sledge hammer tactics" to quiet dissent in his comments during this interview. FINE objected to the use of "The Worker" for this purpose and stated that THOMPSON has confused criticism inside the Party with the enemies outside the Party.

Other speakers called for the Party to challenge the House Committee on Un-American Activities and convince the labor movement that committees of this type are out to destroy labor and not only Communists.

spoke briefly about the factional activity in Chicago and stated that the people who know better should be censured. He said those responsible for this activity had been suspended.

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Comments and Opinions of [redacted]

The acceptance of the reports presented at this meeting without major changes or wrangling and bickering demonstrates that there was more unity shown in this meeting than in any similar meeting since the 16th National Convention. Reports made by the various Districts show that the Party is starting to work and there was a tendency toward optimism concerning building the Party. The top Party leadership came to this meeting to seek information instead of, as formerly, under the old methods of operations, to announce a set policy which had already been adopted by the higher bodies within the Party.

The meeting showed that the Party now considers supporting independent political candidates a "left Sectarian" mistake in most cases but reserves the right to explore this policy as a possibility in certain areas. It showed that the Party believes that WALTER REUTHER can be moved to the "left" by mass pressure from below in the Locals of his union. Also, LUMER's report shows that the Party is no longer hesitant to describe the current American economic situation as a depression.

However, there are still differences of opinion. Indiana, Ohio, and Missouri, although agreeing with the general line of the meeting, have differences with the approach of LIGHTFOOT, WINTER, [redacted] whom they believe to be still clinging to the possibility of a "mass Party of Socialism" led by the CP. Also, LIGHTFOOT's remarks showed that he is very dissatisfied with the work of the Party on Negro problems.

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There was no discussion at this meeting on reorganization of the Party Districts but there was agreement on the need for more meetings of this type.

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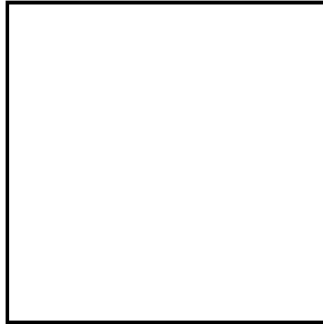
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AIR TEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-30)
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-4234-D) C I N A L
SUBJECT : COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity must be protected and who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported to SA JOHN A. HAAS of the New York Office and SA VINCENT E. MURPHY of the Newark Office on 5/27/58, that [redacted] New Jersey State CP Organizational Secretary, reported at a State Committee meeting of the New Jersey CP held on 5/23/58, that at the second session of the CP Eastern Regional Conference held in New York City on 5/18/58, EUGENE DENNIS stated, "It was quite likely that if a little bit more work would be done they could end up with a registration of 10,000 members." He stated there were about 8,000 members accounted for to date and they could get another 2,000 with not too much difficulty if they pushed the drive.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-20778)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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[redacted] while in attendance at a meeting of the District Committee, CP, USA, New England District, held 5/23/58, at Boston, Mass., stated that by February, 3,000 people had been registered in the United States, and that by the following April, this figure had risen to 6,000 registered members in the Party. [redacted] stated the feeling was that they could double that figure.

[redacted] also announced at this District Committee meeting that there had been ten May Day meetings countrywide. He did not elaborate as to where these meetings were held.

Above furnished orally by [redacted] on 5/27/58.

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- 4 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
(1- 97-401 PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INCORPORATED)
- 3 - New York (100-80638 MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
(1- 100-16021 [redacted])
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- 4 - Boston (100-20778)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

Date: 5/29/58

SUBJECT: CP USA
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On 5/16/58, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON of the following information obtained from ROBERT THOMPSON, National Organization Secretary of CP, USA:

- 2 - Bureau (100-3) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-) (FRED FINE) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-) (CP, USA-ILLINOIS DISTRICT FACTIONALISM) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-) (CP, USA - ILLINOIS DISTRICT NEGRO QUESTION) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 1 - Portland (100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 1 - San Diego (100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 1 - Seattle (100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-27452) (ROBERT G. THOMPSON) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-89691) (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-87211) (CP, USA FACTIONALISM) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80644) (CP, USA YOUTH MATTERS) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (134-91) (INVES) (6)
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THOMPSON stated on 5/16/58, that the West Coast CP conference is scheduled for an as yet undetermined date in September, 1958, and that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, will not return from the West Coast until June 1, 1958.

Regarding May Day meetings, THOMPSON said that the CP is pleased by the fact that for the first time in a long time those attending May Day meetings were not predominately "the older people". The Party has received reports that very many of these people were in the age group under 35. The total number of persons attending May Day meetings in the USA was estimated to be about 6000.

With respect to defections from the CP, THOMPSON expressed the opinion that "the worst is over". He said that there is "some recruitment of members", and that "some people are moving closer to the Party".

The "Ultra-Left", THOMPSON stated, harrasses the Party in different ways in different parts of the country. In New York, their target is BENJAMIN J. DAVIS JR, whom they accuse of being "too conciliatory toward the "Right", "too bureaucratic", and "bourgeois" in that he lacks "a working-class background". In Chicago, they are attempting to "capture" the Negro sections, and on the West Coast they are attacking DOROTHY HEALEY as a dangerous "Right-Winger".

The latest "Right-Wing" attack was directed against EUGENE DENNIS. FRED FINE wrote a letter to DENNIS, which is a vicious denunciation of the latter. DENNIS as is characteristic of him, "wilted" and lacked the spirit "to fight back".

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: 6/4/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
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Source [REDACTED]

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On 5/16/58 [REDACTED] furnished a report of a conversation between [REDACTED]. If this information is used in a report it must be carefully paraphrased to protect the identity of the source.

The informant's report is as follows:

"May 16, 1958

"Saturday May 10, 1958. [REDACTED] had a conversation concerning Youth matters. During the course of the conversation, [REDACTED] mentioned that there are currently 3,500 registered Communist Party members in the United States. Also there are only fifteen Communist Youths under thirty in Brooklyn now, according to Marilyn.

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"She also stated [REDACTED] the Jefferson bookstore which is now located 16th Street N.Y.C., near Klein Annex."

- 1 - New York (100-26603-C43)(KINGS CO CP)(12-11)
- 1 - New York (100-130014) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-115530) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-135247) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- ① - New York (100-80638)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)

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On 6/4/58, NY 694-S advised SA A. C. BURLINSON that on the previous day he had conferred with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary in charge of Negro Affairs, who discussed the following:

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-88)(RM)
10 - Chicago (100-) (EARL DURHAM) (RM)
 (1- 100-) ()
 (1- 100-18001) (FRED FINE)
 (1- 100-) (GIL GREEN)
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 (1- 100-2748) ()
 (1- 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 (1- 100-2749) (MOLLIE WEST)
 (1- 100-18963) (CP, USA-ILLINOIS DISTRICT-FACTIONALISM)
2 - Los Angeles (100-) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (RM)
 (1 - 100-) (CP, USA-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT-NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - Newark (100-2974) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
1 - Philadelphia (100-) (CP, USA-EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA and DELAWARE DISTRICT-NEGRO QUESTION) (RM)
1 - New York (100-50806) (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) (7-6)
1 - New York (100-) ()
1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) (7-5)
1 - New York (100-467) (WILLIAM LAWRENCE) (7-6)
1 - New York (100-13336) () (12-15)
1 - New York (100-87211)

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The CP national leadership feels that the current attempt by the Chicago CP to expel or suspend 14 members of the South Side Section is "ill-advised, poorly timed, and a premature political action." The CP national leaders believe that "dirty politics" may be involved - that the "right-wing" may have instigated this situation in the Chicago Party. If so, it is regarded as "a clever move" on the part of the "right wing."

If such expulsions or suspensions should be effected, the rank and file "will never understand the situation," particularly since heretofore no such action has been taken against "right wing" groups. It is a deplorable fact that people like FRED FINE, SID STEIN, and GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, who are constantly scheming to disrupt the Party, are nevertheless still members of the National Committee.

two of the seven Negroes and four whites facing expulsion or suspension in Chicago, are "showering" the Bedford-Stuyvesant section in Brooklyn with phone

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1 - New York (100-80640) (CP, USA-NEGRO QUESTION) (7-5)
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1 - New York (100-128314) (CP, USA-NY DISTRICT-FUNDS) (7-6)
1 - New York (100-26603-C43) (CP, USA-NY DISTRICT-KINGS COUNTY) (12-11)
1 - New York (100-128815) (CP, USA-NY DISTRICT-NEGRO QUESTION) (7-6)
1 - New York (100-26603-C42) (CP, USA-NY DISTRICT-NY COUNTY) (12-14)
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calls, and "really stirring things up" in Harlem. They are attempting to make a national issue of the proposed Chicago expulsions or suspensions. As a result, the situation is "tense."

Although the expulsion or suspension proceedings were instigated by the Chicago leadership consisting of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, MOLLIE WEST, [REDACTED] and EARL DURHAM, the Negro rank and file of the Party seem to think that the current Chicago "purge" is merely a continuation of a purge LIGHTFOOT effected in the Harlem Section some time ago. The Chicago expulsions or suspensions are causing trouble not only among the Negro CP members in Chicago and New York but also among those in Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

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To offset the damage of the CP caused by the Chicago CP, the national leadership; before or at the next National Committee meeting, will "strive" to prefer charges against, and seek the expulsion of, the "right wing" group consisting of SID STEIN, FRED FINE, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, [REDACTED] and DOROTHY HEALEY, and also the "ultra-left" group consisting of [REDACTED] By such "two-pronged" action, the Party will rid itself of these dangerous individuals in "the extreme groups."

In reply to a question from NY 694-S, JACKSON stated that in his opinion there are now only about 500 Negroes in the Party nationally. He remarked that "these, however, are good ones."

Referring to GIL GREEN, JACKSON told NY 694-S that while in the CP underground, GREEN wrote article for "Political Affairs" under the pen name JONATHAN SWIFT.

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MAX WEISS, he said, operated in the CP underground under the name "ROTMAN" (ph) (NY 694-S stated that at time JACKSON mumbles, and he is not sure whether JACKSON said ROTMAN, ROTHMAN, or RATMAN).

JACKSON mentioned also that last week GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY returned \$8000.00 more of the money he owes the Party. Of this sum, \$4500.00 was used to pay a NY State CP debt for which BILL LAWRENCE (WILLIAM LAZAR), formerly NY State CP Treasurer, was being held personally responsible by the creditor. The balance of the \$8000.00 was given to the NY State CP.

JACKSON, who had been late in keeping his appointment with NY 694-S, apologized to the informant, and attributed his being late to the fact that he had been delayed by "a couple of Southern delegations" with whom he had been conferring.



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Rebulet to New Haven, 5/23/53, and New Haven airtel to Bureau, 5/22/53, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, Connecticut District, Membership IS - C; CHAIR".

Concerning the comments set forth in referenced communications, it is noted that in the past, the 2002-CP has periodically furnished the NYO data regarding CP, USA National Office dues collections, which information has been disseminated to the Bureau and appropriate offices. This information has been based on dues reports submitted at irregular intervals by the various CP districts. If the CP districts adopt the practice of sending in dues reports monthly, the 2002-CP will be in a position to obtain this information more frequently and on a more current basis.

With regard to CP membership data, it is noted that only estimated membership figures can be computed from dues reports, since all CP members do not pay their dues monthly or on other regular basis.

A copy of a dues report form is being furnished to the New Haven Office on an enclosure to this letter per the request. This report form was obtained from the 2002-CP by the NYO on 6/3/53.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-53) (RM)
- 2 - New Haven (RM)
 - (1 - 100-13440) (Encl. 1)
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- 1 - New York (100-80638) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-74560) (7-5)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284E)
 SUBJECT: CP, USA
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 NEWARK DIVISION
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DATE: 6/6/58

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE
 IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

[redacted] furnished the following information to SAS
 JOHN A. HAAG of the New York Office and VINCENT E. MURPHY
 of the Newark Office on 5/27/58:

This information is located in [redacted]

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3 - Bureau RM

(1 - 100- [redacted]) (Membership)

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May 27, 1958

A State Committee meeting of the New Jersey COMMUNIST PARTY was held on May 23, 1958 at the residence of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New Jersey. [REDACTED] were not at home and did not participate in the meeting at any time. They were at a musical or a theatre in New York City for the evening. (The people in attendance were not satisfied with the security of the residence and were of the mind not to meet there at any time in the future).

Present at this meeting were [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and PAT TOOHEY. [REDACTED] was representing [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Passaic County who could not attend the meeting.

The proposed agenda for this affair was as follows:

1. The question of organizing the June 7th Conference with regard to policy and how to approach the various reports to be given. Also to discuss what should be done to guarantee a large turnout.
2. A discussion of the recent Nike explosion in Middletown, N.J.
3. Fund drive.
4. The reading of the minutes of the two previous State Board meetings. A check-up on the decisions made at these two meetings, and the obtaining of the approval of the State Committee to these decisions.

5. Informational report on the New York City

Regional Conference held on May 17, 18, 1958.

The meeting got under way with the reading of the minutes of the two previous State Board meetings. All decisions made at these meetings were approved by the State Committee.

The next item discussed was the recent Nike explosion at Middletown, N.J. [] stated this was a very perturbing matter. People interested in peace are disturbed over the incident and he sees the need of making an organized protest about this type of continuing danger. He raised the question as to what the CP should do around this matter. He proposed that the Party cooperate with the various pacifist outfits such as the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom and the Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy, wherein the Party has some members active, to strive to influence these organizations to react to this tragedy by fitting it into their peace programs for the stopping of nuclear tests and to demand guarantees that these kind of blow-ups did not menace communities in the future. He implied he was in touch with a number of Party people and Party sympathizers and that these people were in agreement with him. He proposed that he be assigned by the State Board to continue with this program. He was of the opinion it would be wrong for the CP to issue any statements or leaflets because this would probably be misunderstood and would probably limit the

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participation of the people who really want to do something about this matter. He suggested that the CP assign one person to assemble all of the press material for the purpose of preparing an article for "The Worker" to guarantee that "The Worker" would have good coverage on this question.

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into this matter and see what could be done by the Party. [] was to gather press material to see that an article would be undertaken for "The Worker". It was proposed that all individuals present at this meeting, who represented a county or section, order a specific number of that particular issue of "The Worker" for special utilization in the various communities. Furthermore, that notes be sent to those persons who were not present at the State Committee meeting who represented a county or section so they may also carry this out.

Next the question of the June 7th Conference was discussed. PAT TOOHEY introduced the question and discussed the following:

- 1) the type of agenda, the aim they hope to accomplish, and the preparation of the reports and who should give them;
- 2) what they should do to guarantee a good Party turnout;
- 3) a proposal that they concentrate on a two point agenda for the conference.

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[] stated she had obtained Tunis Mansion, Bergen Avenue, Newark, N.J., for the meeting from twelve noon until six PM.

TOOHEY proposed that the first point of the conference should concern itself with the general political subjects facing the Party, the unemployment question, the peace issue, and the role of the CP and its members around the congressional and senatorial elections. It was suggested and generally approved that TOOHEY would open the conference with an overall political summary with respect to the general situation the Party presently faces, calling attention to developments internationally and on the national scene. TOOHEY's remarks would be supplemented by [] on the economic question and [] on legislative and political questions.

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Secondly, [] would make a report and [] would make a subdiscussion on specific questions pertaining to educational work and things of that nature. [] if he accepts the offered position of Press and Literature Director, would speak on this subject and [] or someone else would speak on the fund drive so that the whole subject would be concretely laid before the membership.

TOOHEY stated there was much to be done to guarantee a good turnout to this conference and that a number of sections had not been contacted as yet in this respect. He stated that Mercer, Camden, Paterson-Passaic, and Bergen Counties had not been contacted. He stated assignments had been made to get these sections responding, but that many of these assignments were not carried out to date. He stated they should take steps to insure the conference being attended by all sections.

[] spoke next and stated he wanted to raise a matter of great concern, affecting the unity of the Party. [] stated he finds it necessary to take up before that State Committee the conduct of [] The speeches they made at the New York Regional Conference were speeches of slander, division, and disruption.

TOOHEY called [] to order, but [] stated he wanted to have this thing out and that he would issue a statement to the Party membership, if necessary. TOOHEY stated [] was out of order and his remarks did not pertain to the current matter being discussed. [] stated he had a right to be heard.

TOOHEY advised the meeting that it appeared [] was trying to 'blackjack' the meeting as he had the previous State Committee meeting.

[] went on to state that when [] spoke at the New York conference, she made an attack upon the former New Jersey state leadership which could not be ignored, but would have to be answered. She had charged the former district leadership with cowardice in failing to help to develop a program of public vaccine. She charged them with factionalism, corruption, cowardice and created an attitude which [] followed. [] stated they had created an atmosphere which makes it impossible for anyone with critical opposite viewpoints to work and participate. He charged [] with slander and bureaucratism. [] proposed that a vote be taken at that time that the District leadership would not talk on factionalism at the June 7th conference.

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[] spoke next and stated he wanted to raise other matters but in the same strain. He has been aware of an undermining of the confidence of Party members in him as a leader. This is a contemptible vicious plan on the part of [] and this was the policy of the state leadership. He stated there was no basis of cooperation with the district leadership and he has drawn the conclusion that the district leadership has created conditions and the atmosphere to make it impossible for anyone with any opposite views to work or to participate. He stated he was serving notice that he sees no basis of further cooperation.

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(With respect to the statement by [] that he was aware of a program wherein [] were undermining the confidence of Party members in him as a leader, [] was referring to a recent incident with regard to members-at-large. [] had previously reported that there were no MAL's left in the Essex County Branch of the NJCP. [] had advised that [] [] was recently talking with [] about two women, names not mentioned, who apparently were not active in the CP but did attend certain types of affairs such as the Katherine Van Orden Memorial meeting and meetings of the Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy. These two women have a social relationship with [] who are members of the CP. They drew the conclusion that these two women must be Party members because of the type of library they have at home, the musical records in their possession, pictures they have on the wall, the way they talk, plus the fact they associate with Party members. They are more than just progressive individuals. [] asked whether they were Party members and, if so, they should try to draw them into Party activities. [] was to have stated that of course they were Party members. [] instructed [] to put it on the line and inform these two women that they knew they were Party members and request them to register. [] did this and the answer they got from these two individuals was a confused reaction. They stated they were Party members but no one was

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supposed to know it. They were contacted only by [] He is the only person who is supposed to know about their membership and he is the only person they are supposed to see and contact. [] heard of this incident and his statement above was in reference to this.)

[] protested this action on the part of [] and [] He stated it was scandalous and he doubted whether these two women would remain in the Party as a result of this incident. He stated it was a plot to undercut and destroy him.

[] inquired as to how they were to know this when he had informed them that there were no such people in this category.

[] spoke next and stated there was an atmosphere and conduct by the district leadership which made it impossible for anyone to work. This followed the national attitude expressed by BOB THOMPSON. He denounced THOMPSON's recent article. He stated they were trying to drive people out of the Party.

[] went on to criticize a letter prepared by TOOHAY which was handed out at this meeting. He criticized the statement ".....It experienced defections and desertions from the inside by some who became confused and lost balance in face of the enemy attack. Serious ideological and policy differences arose; and from another side the Party, its program and theory came under

attack by some who would substitute Marxism-Leninism with 'new', 'creative' but harmful and discredited programs" [redacted] informed TOONEY that if that was his understanding of what was happening in the Party, then he was inefficient. He stated that these people were good people and were doing good work. He defended the people who walked out of the Party. He stated there were many people still in the Party who are of the same mood and when they see this letter they would also leave.

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[redacted] denounced the district leadership and stated no one had any basis of working with the leadership. He stated it was chasing people out of the Party. As for himself he did not feel he would want to be part of the State Committee any more.

[redacted] spoke next and read from her notes what she had said at the New York Regional Conference. She said she had accused no specific person at any time during that conference and had only made the general charge that they had 'dragged behind' and had lost initiative in various programs. Therefore what [redacted] had done at this meeting was malicious, vindictive and false. He was prostituting the truth. He came into that meeting to wreck it.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] made a motion at that meeting that they would not slander at the June 7th Conference. This is the type of vow to the effect 'I will not beat my wife any more'. Then [redacted] makes the charges he does at this

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meeting and engages in slander. [] continued by making a vicious denunciatory attack upon []

[] who was the object of many of [] remarks, became very belligerent and verbally attacked [] He stated [] was berserk and a maniac.

TOOHEY deplored his inability to keep the meeting going, sticking to the agenda and keeping factionalism and intrusion out. He stated [] came to that meeting for blood, factionalism and slander. [] for the second time had blocked a State Committee meeting and dealt with personalities and factionalism. This action on his part was deliberate and arrogant. He stated he was adverse to fighting anyone, but he is pressed to the wall and is impelled to engage in a fight he did not want. He denied the charge that there was an atmosphere created by the leadership and denounced [] charges as false.

TOOHEY stated he tried to unite the groups and made overtures of peace and cooperation. This was answered with declarations of fight and war. He stated he tried to receive cooperation and settle differences but [] at that meeting had declared war and he was going to get it. He, TOOHEY, was at this time ready to fight it out. There was only one simple way that this could be answered and that was for the membership to decide the matter. He proposed they call in a jury and let them

decide the matter. He proposed a special convention be called together and to let them decide the matter. He stated he is ready to appear before such a board and let them hear both sides.

At this point TOOHEY stated he adjourned the meeting and stated he would not call another meeting until they found an answer as to how to solve this matter.

During the meeting, [] gave a report on the second session of the Eastern Regional Conference held in New York City on May 18, 1958. She stated BOB THOMPSON was absent and EUGENE DENNIS gave the report. He reported on the California factional situation, the activities of the SID STEIN-GEORGE CHARNEY group in New York and the ultra-left crowd in Chicago. [] quoted DENNIS with reporting 'it was quite likely that if a little bit more work would be done, they could end up with a registration of ten thousand members.' She reported that DENNIS stated there were about eight thousand members accounted for to date and they could get another two thousand with not too much difficulty if they would push the drive. She reported on the fund drive and the campaign on unemployment and peace.

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At this meeting a letter to all clubs and members issued by PAT TOOHEY, Chairman of the State Committee of the CPNJ, was handed out. This was the letter referred to by [] as mentioned above.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-4)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NEW YORK DISTRICT
IS - C

DATE: 6/10/58

SAC
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DIV. 4
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SEC. 19
SEC. 20

ReNYlets, 2/7/58 and 4/10/58.

Outlined below are the revisions to the list of active CP members in the NY Division as embodied in reNYlets.

As of 6/1/58, over-all statistics are as follows:

- | | | |
|-----|---|------|
| (1) | Estimated number of CP members | 3008 |
| (2) | Number of members identified since last progress letter. | 89 |
| (3) | Number of members identified to date. | 1849 |
| (4) | Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter. | 21 |
| (5) | Number tentatively identified as CP members to date. | 195 |

The necessary revisions are hereinafter outlined:

2-Bureau (100-3-4) RM

1-New York (100-26603) (NY STATE CP)

1-New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX)

1-New York (100-26603-C41) (QUEENS)

1-New York (100-26603-C42) (NEW YORK)

1-New York (100-26603-C43) (KINGS)

1-New York (100-26603-C44) (WESTCHESTER)

1-New York (100-26603-C45) (NASSAU)

1-New York (100-26603-C39) (RICHMOND)

1-New York (100-132430) (INDUSTRIAL DIVISION)

1-New York (100-80638)

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" 1-6

" 1-7-0

" 1-12-10 Destroyed 12/3/59 rcb

" 1-12-11

" 1-12-12

" 1-12-13

" 1-12-14 Destroyed 3/23/60 rcb

" 1-12-15 Destroyed rcb

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(21)

Chief Clerk
Post

100-80638-1484

NY 100-80638

BRONX COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

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County Staff

Add: [REDACTED]
Organizational Secretary
(formerly Queens)

100-93665

General Committee Members

Delete: [REDACTED]

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Northwest Section

Section Committee

Delete: [REDACTED]

Page 9-12

Membership

Add: [REDACTED]

100-126979
100-125577
100-60894
100-131148

Delete: [REDACTED] (To Connecticut)
[REDACTED] (To Hungarian
Section)
(To Hungarian
Section)

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Midwest Section

Section Committee

Delete: [REDACTED]

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Membership

Add:

[Redacted]

100-132473
100-131714

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Northeast Section Committee

Add:

[Redacted]

100-13204

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Northeast Section Membership

Add:

[Redacted]

100-108446
100-84303
100-90256
100-84129

Under Northeast Section Membership

Delete:

[Redacted]

(transferred to
Prospect Section)

RICKERT, DAN (died in April, 1958)

[Redacted]

(transferred to Printers
Region, Industrial Div.)

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East Bronx Section Membership

Delete:

[Redacted]

(transferred to
Prospect Section)

[Redacted]

(moved to Queens)

Add:

[Redacted]

100-91003
100-93665

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Hungarian Section Membership

Add:

[Redacted]

100-65479
100-130963
100-130964

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Southwest Section Membership

Add:

[Redacted]

100-111032
100-135114
100-127222
100-134997
100-116424
100-83118
100-135098
100-112167
100-88580
100-128244

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Section Unknown

Revise: [Redacted] 100-110348 from a
positive to a tentative identification,
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Add:

[Redacted]

100-100442
100-127499
100-112920

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Delete:

[Redacted]

(To Hungarian Section)
(To East Bronx Section)
(To Connecticut)

[Redacted]

(To Queens County)
(To the Midwest Section)

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Page 29 Prospect Section Membership

Add:

100-89179
100-71043
100-99195
100-133566

Page 30 Kings County Communist Party

Kings County Committee

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Remove T after

100-70482

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Remove T after

100-132758

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NAACP Club

Add:

100-81083

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Greene Avenue Club

Delete:

Club Unknown

Delete:

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Bath Beach Section

Add:

100-132895

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Brownsville Section

Add:

Transferred from
Section and Club Unknown

100-54637
100-85686

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Section and Club Unknown

Delete: [] Transferred to
Brownsville Section

100-54637

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Add: []

100-110888
100-95912

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Add: []

100-120143

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Add: []

100-129648

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Delete: []

100-86094
100-128888

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Section. Remove T after
[])

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Delete: []

(T)
Remove T. Transferred to Industrial.

100-67344

[] (T)

100-119968

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Add: [] (T)

100-134547

Revise: []

(T)

100-133161

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Add:

[REDACTED]

100-127439

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[REDACTED]

100-85686

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[REDACTED]

Delete (I) after

[REDACTED]

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Delete (T) after

[REDACTED]

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Add:

[REDACTED]

100-122522

Delete: (T) after

[REDACTED]

100-111095

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Add:

[REDACTED]

(Transferred from

100-81438

100-65536

Greenwich Village Section)

[REDACTED]

100-113232

100-122925

100-73676

100-69518

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[REDACTED]

100-127892

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100-130678

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[REDACTED]

100-84044

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[REDACTED]

Add:

[REDACTED]

100-14096

NZ 100-80638

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100-94249
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[Redacted]

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100-131164

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[Redacted]

100-134156

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[Redacted]

100-134372
100-116041
100-134846
100-133461
100-133460

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Delete:

[Redacted]

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on page 51 as

[Redacted]

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100-13483

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Add:

[Redacted]

100-124555
100-106257

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Delete: [REDACTED]
(Transferred to Industrial Section)

100-13203

QUEENS COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

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Under Section and Club Unknown

Add: [REDACTED]

100-13244

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Page 61

Under Clearview Section

Club Unknown

Delete: "(T)" after [REDACTED]

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Under Section and Club Unknown

Delete: [REDACTED] (To Industrial) 100-104001

Add: [REDACTED]

100-101960
100-68723

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Under East Queens Section

Club Unknown

Add: [REDACTED]

100-133045

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Under Section and Club Unknown

Add: [REDACTED]

100-56218
100-82933

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NEW YORK COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

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Lower East Side - Forbes Section

Add:

[Redacted]

100-101814
100-100196

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Add:

[Redacted]

(T)

100-129803
100-134921

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Greenwich Village Section

Delete: Co-Membership-Finance Directors

[Redacted]

100-89955
100-65536

Educational Director

[Redacted]

100-81438

Add: Organizational Secretary

[Redacted]

100-133805

100-70089

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Club #1

Add: Membership-Finance Director after

100-70089

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

100-81508

Delete: [REDACTED]
(Transferred to Kings County)

100-81438

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Club #2

Add:

[REDACTED]

100-13470

100-9260

Delete: [REDACTED]
(Transferred to Kings County)

100-65536

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change file number to -

100-133805

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Club #3

Add:

[REDACTED]

100-6492

Greek Section of the Greenwich Village Section

Add: Organizer

[REDACTED]

105-9328

Delete:

[REDACTED]

105-16605

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Club(s) Unknown

Delete:

[REDACTED]

100-72646

100-13470

100-9260

100-58462

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Chelsea-Lincoln Square Section

Delete: COHEN, REBECCA (T) (Deceased) 100-64086

Delete: "(T)" after [redacted] 100-86579
"(T)" after [redacted] 100-70087

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Page 85

Through name [redacted] page 85 is revised as follows:

Upper West Side Section

Officers

[redacted] add (Section Organizer) 100-84993

Clubs:

1. Monday Club

[redacted] (see above)

2. Tuesday Club

[redacted] (Club Organizer) 100-122352

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Club Members

[redacted]

100-134143
100-109184
100-125496
100-99801
100-135108
100-118090

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Club(s) Unknown

[Redacted]

100-95722
100-62625
100-127430
100-127420
100-85671

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Add:

[Redacted]

100-82136
100-70087
100-135244

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Delete: B. Club - substitute Bellevue Club
Delete: C. Club - substitute Community Club
Delete: D. Club - substitute Democratic Club

After [Redacted] delete word chairman
add word treasurer
After [Redacted] add word chairman

Add:

[Redacted]

100-70333

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Delete: N. Club - substitute Nationalities
Club

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[Redacted]

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Add: Finnish Club

[Redacted] Chairman
Membership Unknown

100-82382

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Add:

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100-73325
100-127818

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100-118759

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NASSAU COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

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Add:

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100-50436
100-84838

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Delete:

[Redacted]

100-133853

Add:

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100-106514

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100-106513

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

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INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

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Under Industrial Board

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Add: TORMEY, BETTY GANNETT, Educational
Director

100-13483



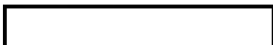
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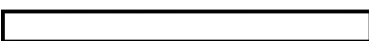
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Under Electric and Machine Region

Add:

100-119916

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Under Film and Arts Region

Add:

100-65055

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Under Maritime Region

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Add:

100-98262
100-70281
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100-108208
100-68285
100-120001
100-133338

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Under Printing Guild and Lithographers Region

Add:

100-24616
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Delete: ROTOLO, JOACHIM PETER (deceased)

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Under Shoe, ACWA, Furniture Region

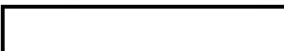
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Under Transport Region

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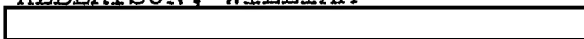
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Under Regional Affiliation Unknown

Add: ALBERTSON, WILLIAM



TORMEY, BETTY GANNETT (above)

100-129629
100-13203
100-13483

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Page 125 Residence Unknown (Verification Pending)

Delete:
 (Residing Queens, N. Y.)

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As directed by the Bureau, the next revision
will be submitted as of 8/1/58.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]
 FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON
 SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
 BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 6/10/58

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	5/12/58 District Board meeting	5/15/58	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

For assistance in reviewing report, a number in parentheses () following a name or title set forth below will indicate that there is a reference to that name or title on the page or pages whose number will be enclosed in the parentheses. Where no number is set out, it is suggested that the entire report be reviewed for information on the subject matter.

On page 2 of instant report in the second paragraph, there is reference to a letter from [REDACTED] authorizing [REDACTED] as an agent for the sale of the PAUL ROBESON book, together with a letter from [REDACTED] instructing him how to sell the book. The originals of these two letters came into the possession of informant 5/13/58, and on that date informant turned them over to SA JESSE C. PARKER, who caused photostats of the letters to be made on 5/13/58. On 5/13/58, SA PARKER returned the originals of the letters to informant. On 5/14/58, informant initialled the photostats to indicate that they were identical with the original letters. The photostats are being retained in [REDACTED].

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BALTIMORE, MD.
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On 5/13/58, [redacted] furnished SA JESSE C. PARKER two copies of the leaflet pertaining to the economic situation in the Baltimore area mentioned on page 2 of instant report of informant. [redacted] orally advised SA PARKER that he had received the leaflets from GEORGE MEYERS on 5/12/58. The two leaflets are being retained in [redacted]

A copy of the Northern California letter referred to on pages 8 and 10 of instant report, the full title of which is "Statement of the Northern California District Committee On the Recent Resignations," was furnished to SA JESSE C. PARKER on 5/13/58. At that time the informant orally advised SA PARKER that he had received the letter from GEORGE MEYERS on 5/12/58. On 5/13/58, SA PARKER caused a photostat of the letter to be made and returned the original letter to [redacted] that same date. On 5/14/58, [redacted] initialled the photostat in the presence of SA ROBERT C. NORTON to indicate that it was identical with the original letter. The photostat is being retained in [redacted]

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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100- FACTIONALISM (9,10)
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100- FACTIONALISM (9)

19- New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
100- PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (2,5,8)
100- [REDACTED] (2,11)
PAUL ROBESON (2)
ORGANIZATION, CP, USA (2-5,10,11)
FACTIONALISM (3,9,10)
EUGENE DENNIS (3,10)
NEGRO QUESTION (3-5)
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY (3,11)
BRIEF FILE (3-5)
FARMERS (4)
CP LINE (3,4)
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (4)
JAMES JACKSON (4,11)
COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS (4)
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WILLIAM PATTERSON (9,11)
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MEMBERSHIP (11)
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38- Baltimore

100-10975 [REDACTED]
100-12412 [REDACTED]
100-10584 [REDACTED]
100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS
100- [REDACTED]
100-15662 HYMAN LUMER (3)
100-13279 [REDACTED]

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100-14379 JAMES JACKSON (4,11)

100-1560 BEN DAVIS (4,11)

100-12871

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100-764

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100-11953

100-12395

100-13332

100-11961

100-4830

100-12117 JOHN GATES (10)

100-18409 WILLIAM PATTERSON (9,11)

100-12464 ORGANIZATION, MARYLAND - D.C.

100-4090 BALTIMORE DIVISION, MARYLAND - D.C.

100-12125 PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (2,5,8,10,12)

100-12510 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY (2,3,5-8,12)

100-12485 NEGRO QUESTION (3-5)

100-11800 BRIEF FILE (2-5,8,10)

100-12457 FARMERS (4)

100-13098 CP LINE (3,4)

100-12459 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (4)

100- COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS (4)

100-11950 STEEL, MARYLAND - D.C. (5-8)

100-12458 FACTIONALISM (5-8,10,11)

100-11640 FUNDS (6-8,11,12)

100-20496 TUC (6)

100-16752 WATERFRONT, MARYLAND - D.C. (8)

100-1932 COMINFIL NMU (8)

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At about 9:20 PM, MEYERS called the meeting to order. Before starting with regular business, he asked if anyone present had heard of the tragedy which had taken place the past week wherein one of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been shot by her husband. MEYERS said he felt the District Board should authorize [REDACTED] to visit [REDACTED] and extend sympathy and offer aid.

[REDACTED] accepted the responsibility.

MEYERS then stated that he had attended the NEC meeting held in New York the previous weekend and had obtained an 8 Point Program which was to be submitted to the Districts for their consideration. MEYERS added that after discussions had taken place around the program, a report could be prepared by the District Board which he would take to the next NEC meeting in the latter part of June.

MEYERS then listed the 8 Point Program as follows:

1. Building the Party and the tremendous need for Party work in the South
2. Relationship between the Party and the Negro forces which included a discussion of the Trade Union movement
3. The transferring over of our form of capitalist government to a Socialist-type government through peaceful coexistence

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4. The role the Party could play around small farmers
 5. Influencing professional people
 6. The role the Party could play in the United States in the fight for peace
 7. The role the Party must play in the field of political action which should be tied in with coming elections, both local and national
 8. The Party should wage a continuing struggle against the dominant forces in the United States

MEYERS said that this program was presented as a study, and that all Districts were expected to outline the program to all clubs and sections and then obtain a picture from the rank and file members as to how they wanted to tackle the various points in the program. MEYERS said in this way the national leaders could determine what the membership wanted and thus draw up a program for action.

MEYERS said that from the membership discussions a better relationship would arise between the District leaders and the rank and file members and between the District leaders and the national leaders.

MEYERS then said that at this same meeting, JAMES JACKSON gave a report on the Party's relationship with the Negroes. MEYERS said it was emphasized in JACKSON's report that the Party had failed to evaluate the Negro strength, had not kept close enough contact with Negroes on all levels, including Ministers, Doctors and lawyers, and also including Negro organizations, and finally, had failed to make it clear to the Negroes the need for a struggle for Socialism.

MEYERS said that BEN DAVIS supported JACKSON's report pointing out the need for the Party to concentrate on infiltration of the NAACP and other Negro organizations.

MEYERS told the group that the CP had missed the boat

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in not showing the Negro how industry had played Negro against white and had also erred in not explaining to the Negro how Marxist-Leninist theory worked.

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[redacted] said that the Party had clearly failed to keep in contact with the Negro. She said that in the heyday of the CP when Marxist-Leninist theory had been taught, they had failed to point out to the Negro the revolutionary strength of the Negro forces.

MEYERS then said that the reports which had been made at the NEC would be printed up and distributed for discussion at a later date so there would be no need for discussion at the present time.

MEYERS then said that he wanted to add two points to the agenda, one being the Steel Club and two being the leaflet which had been prepared by [redacted] on the economic situation locally per District Board instructions.

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MEYERS then asked [redacted] to give an account of the last Steel Club meeting and asked [redacted] to listen carefully to the report.

[redacted] then said that he and MEYERS attended a meeting of steel men who had been discharged following the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings of May, 1957, which was held May 5, 1958. [redacted] said that besides he and MEYERS, [redacted]

[redacted] were present.

[redacted] said that when he went to this second meeting with the group, he had thought it understood that they had decided not to sue the union in order to regain their jobs and for damages, but at the meeting he had found out that at the insistence of [redacted] they were planning to sue the union for damages.

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted] supported [redacted] in that stand.

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[redacted] said that although [redacted] were influenced by [redacted] they did not seem to want to sue the union, but he was not positive that these

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men would hold firm. [redacted] pointed out that the lawyer hired by the group was telling them that they should sue the union.

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[redacted] said that he and MEYERS had made it clear that the District Board would not involve the Party in any action which would involve a suit against the union.

[redacted] said that even though he had turned over \$250.00 to these men, he was still not positive what action they would take regarding a suit against the union.

At this point [redacted] objected, stating that he felt that no suit against the union should take place.

MEYERS then said that [redacted] had missed one point. He said at the steel meeting [redacted] took a position of being in favor of suing the union, giving as a reason the fact that trade union leaders in the steel union were closely collaborating with the steel companies and he felt the only way to get anything done was for the steel men to sue the union. MEYERS said that [redacted] was in reality desirous of having the group sue the union so that the Party would be hurt. MEYERS said that [redacted] wanted to rule or ruin the Party locally.

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MEYERS then asked [redacted] to give an account of the last Trade Union Commission (TUC) meeting.

[redacted] then gave a report of the last TUC meeting, in particular as regards discussions of the steel men who had been discharged.

After making the report, [redacted] said that he was very much upset and had thought that the District Board had been firm regarding a suit against the union and believed MEYERS and [redacted] to have been negligent in turning over \$250.00 to the steel men without having determined from them what sort of action they planned to take as regards a suit against the union. [redacted] said a suit against the union would isolate the Party from steel.

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[redacted] said that a lot of things were involved, and

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that although she did not believe in suing the union for damages, it was certainly true that the men discharged from steel were losing their homes and their families needed financial support.

[REDACTED] then pointed out that Negroes not involved in this particular group, such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been hurt by the layoff, but since they were no longer a part of the group now suing, would get no benefit from their action.

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MEYERS said that he agreed with [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had been isolated by [REDACTED] and others.

At this point [REDACTED] said that she had thought that in talking of the men in steel, they were discussing all the men who had lost their jobs as a result of the 1957 House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings.

[REDACTED] replied that even though the suit was won by the particular group, [REDACTED] would have to fight his own case individually.

[REDACTED] then suggested that no further action by the District Board should be undertaken until they had received a report from [REDACTED] as to what the Steel Group planned to do regarding a suit against the union.

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All agreed, and [REDACTED] then suggested that they keep the discussion on the steel situation among themselves for the time being.

MEYERS then said that although the Party could not be identified with a suit against the union, they could not afford to lose their relationship with the Steel Group. He suggested that they tell the Steel Group that they are working on their own.

All others present indicated that they disagreed with MEYERS, and [REDACTED] asked whether they were going to continue to solicit money for the support of the steel men.

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MEYERS replied to [REDACTED] that they would continue to

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collect the money and would hold it until they found out what the steel men planned.

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At this point [redacted] said that he could not approve of such a suggestion. He pointed out that when he had been screened as a seaman, the CP Waterfront Section would not allow him to sue the union in court to get his union book. [redacted] said that he understood that this decision of not suing the union was a general policy of the CP. [redacted] said that if the steel men could sue the union, he felt that he might as well sue the National Maritime Union so that he could have his book returned.

MEYERS then said that he could not do that, and [redacted] replied that as far as he was concerned the situation was the same as the steel situation. He then accused MEYERS and [redacted] of having blundered and said that any attack against a union was incorrect.

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MEYERS said that actually it was not his intent to sue the steel union but just to force them to arbitrate. [redacted] then replied that there was no need to sue the union to bring about that situation.

The discussion on the Steel Group was dropped at that point.

MEYERS then said that he had picked up the District Board leaflets while in New York, and that 2,000 copies had been printed. He then turned to the paper bag which he had beside him and passed a couple of leaflets to those present. He pointed out that some changes had been made in the original rough draft of the leaflet as had been agreed upon at the last District Board meeting.

After examining the leaflet, all those present agreed that a good job had been done.

MEYERS then said that he had with him a letter from the ultra-left forces in Illinois, wherein these forces attacked the national leaders in a fashion somewhat similar to the Northern California letter.

[REDACTED]

MEYERS said that the letter from Illinois indicated that there was no need for maintaining the present name and form of the Party. MEYERS said that this group from Illinois had not resigned from the Party as had the California group, but was apparently determined to liquidate the CP and turn it into a debating society.

MEYERS said that no action had been taken on this letter from Illinois, but was positive that the National Committee would eventually do something about it. MEYERS said that the National Committee was thinking about dealing individually with CP leaders who were favoring the right revisionist or ultra-left forces.

At this point [REDACTED] asked what role CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was playing, pointing out that Chicago seemed to be doing a good job according to the Sunday Worker.

MEYERS replied that LIGHTFOOT was leading the right revisionist forces in Chicago to some extent but did not want to liquidate the Party. MEYERS said he felt LIGHTFOOT was playing both sides at the present time but would eventually be brought back to the thinking of the national leaders.

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[REDACTED] then asked whether WILLIAM PATTERSON was a right revisionist. MEYERS replied that WILLIAM PATTERSON was all right, although he did not see eye to eye on all things with the rest of the national leaders.

MEYERS then took out a 7 or 8 page statement, which he said had been drawn up by CARL WINTER regarding the "12 Party Statement." MEYERS said while in New York at a hotel the previous weekend, a group had gotten together and discussed WINTER's statement. MEYERS said that he had not read it himself at the time but after reading it at a later date felt that he must agree with its content. He said the District Board should read and discuss WINTER's statement.

MEYERS then gave the CARL WINTER statement to

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[redacted] instructing her to pass it on to [redacted]
who was in turn to give it to [redacted]

MEYERS then picked up the Northern California statement and gave it to [redacted] asking him to return it on the following Wednesday.

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MEYERS then said that the National Committee would soon start taking action on CP leaders locally who were not carrying out the role of the Party as laid out by the national leaders. MEYERS pointed out that in New Jersey, [redacted] was not abiding by Party principles and telling people that the present name and form of the Party should not be maintained. MEYERS said that the national leaders had set up a body to deal with this type of situation, but that the group had been bogged down due to ideological differences in New York with the JOHN GATES forces.

MEYERS then said that one of the national leaders was supposed to go to Illinois and determine what LIGHTFOOT was doing, and MEYERS said LIGHTFOOT was apparently holding back some information.

MEYERS then said that in the local area the situation was not as bad as in New Jersey, although [redacted] was trying to liquidate the Party.

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MEYERS then read a letter from EUGENE DENNIS pointing out that the National Executive Committee had ordered an Eastern Regional Conference to be held May 17-18, 1958, which was to start at 1:00 PM, May 17, 1958, and end 4:00 PM, May 18, 1958. MEYERS said the NEC wanted as many rank and file members to attend as possible, as well as two District Board members.

MEYERS said he had talked to [redacted] attending the conference, and after some thought had decided that [redacted] should go with [redacted] to New York.

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[redacted] asked what the conference concerned.
MEYERS replied that they were going to discuss

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the unemployment situation and rebuilding the Party.

At this point [redacted] said that he did not know whether he could go since he planned to meet his brother on May 17, 1958. MEYERS then became very angry, and pointed out that all District Board members had to accept responsibility and that he could not go to New York on two successive weekends. [redacted] then reconsidered and said he would go to New York.

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MEYERS then stated that on his last visit to New York he had made arrangements for [redacted] to meet with BEN DAVIS. JAMES JACKSON, WILLIAM PATTERSON and possibly [redacted]

MEYERS then said that he was returning \$50.00 to [redacted] since before going to New York he had stopped by [redacted] to pick up the \$250.00 to be given to the national leaders and [redacted] had no change.

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[redacted] then asked MEYERS what his expenses had been.

MEYERS replied that the National Committee had paid for his traveling expense to New York which was \$30.00, but he still claimed an additional \$20.00 from the District for lost wages. [redacted] then gave him the \$20.00 for the lost wages.

MEYERS then proposed that \$50.00 be given to [redacted] and [redacted] for their trip to New York, pointing out that the national leaders in New York would take care of lodgings.

[redacted] then gave [redacted] \$50.00 for his and [redacted] expense and asked whether that would be sufficient.

MEYERS then said that he had told [redacted] to see the national leaders since they owed the District \$20.00, and if there were any additional expenses, [redacted] was to use that \$20.00.

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[redacted] then asked for the day's pay which he would lose because of having to go to New York, and [redacted] said it would be paid him upon his return.

MEYERS then pointed out to [redacted] that he could also

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claim the loss of his day's pay. [redacted] replied that he would have to estimate the sum and would advise them at a later date.

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MEYERS then passed out the District Board leaflets to all present and instructed them to start distribution.

[redacted] at this point took out some CP literature bills and started to give them to [redacted]. She stated, however, that he should hold on to them, pointing out that they were paid up to date for literature and with the treasury recently depleted, they had better keep some money on hand.

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MEYERS then said that [redacted] should not worry about the treasury since he was arranging for the treasury to be brought up to the sum of \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 in the near future.

They then decided that the next District Board meeting would be held May 26, 1958, at [redacted] residence.

The group then descended to the kitchen and had coffee.

The group then decided that the leaflet prepared by the District Board should be discussed in all sections and clubs and arrangements then made for distribution in Northwest Baltimore, East Baltimore and South Baltimore.

[redacted] asked why distribution should take place in South Baltimore since they had no CP club in that section. MEYERS replied that that was true, but that most of the people living in South Baltimore were working class people and would be interested in the leaflet since it pertained to the welfare of working class people.

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The meeting then ended about 12:00 Midnight, and MEYERS, [redacted] left at about 12:10 AM."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
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DATE: 6/11/58

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	CP Eastern Regional Conference 5/18/58	5/22/58	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

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The following report should be read in conjunction with informant's report of the 5/17/58 meeting of the CP Eastern Regional Conference, which also took place at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

Regarding the figures "900" and "670" referred to on page 4 of the report, informant orally advised on 5/20/58 that he had learned from [REDACTED] on 5/18/58 that these numbers referred to industrial activity by the CP.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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"Baltimore, Maryland
May 22, 1958

A CP Eastern Regional Conference meeting was held on May 18, 1958, at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. The persons present at that meeting were the same persons with some exceptions who had attended the May 17th Eastern Regional Conference meeting, and have been described by the writer in his report on the May 17th meeting. The exceptions at the second meeting are as follows:

BENJAMIN DAVIS and BOB THOMPSON along with an unidentified Negro CP member did not attend the second meeting. Also not in attendance at the second meeting were a 50 year old man from New Jersey who wore glasses, and a man whom the writer believed to be from Connecticut who in the report on the May 17th meeting was described as having been with [REDACTED] at the entrance to the CP Headquarters prior to the beginning of the May 17th meeting. In attendance at the second meeting was a person who had not been in attendance May 17th. This man was a Negro, 40 to 45 years of age, 6' tall, 180 lbs., heavy build, and partially bald. He had light complexion and appeared to be of foreign extraction rather than an American Negro. During the meeting this man exchanged correspondence with ARNOLD JOHNSON and HYMAN LUMER, and appeared to be well acquainted with both of them.

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At about 10:35 AM, EUGENE DENNIS brought the meeting to order, and the Negro comrade from Philadelphia who had been Chairman of the May 17th meeting once again took over the chair.

The Chairman then called upon DENNIS, who stated that he was substituting for BOB THOMPSON who was ill, and that he intended to read THOMPSON's report.

DENNIS then spoke on the role of the CP in the past, of the losses in CP members, and the necessity of rebuilding the Party. He spoke of factional groups and attacks upon the CP by the government. In speaking of a group of CP members in California who had resigned from the CP, he indicated that MICKEY LIMA had neglected his responsibilities in that area. He further pointed out that right revisionists

[redacted]

and ultra-left forces were working in Illinois and criticized CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT for not handling that situation properly. He said that in New York both right revisionist and ultra-left forces were operating, and that recently the ultra-left group had held a meeting with 60 Party members present, and that a motion had been made at that meeting for CP members to disassociate themselves with the Party. DENNIS said as a result of that motion, 23 of the 60 resigned from the CP and turned their support to the ultra-left group. DENNIS indicated that the situation in New York was dangerous to the Party, and that he did not believe that either the right or ultra-left groups intended to maintain a struggle to bring about Socialism.

At the conclusion of his talk, DENNIS indicated that the Party had about 6,000 members.

After a request from the Chairman for discussion, a man named [redacted] from Boston asked whether the report was the thinking of BOB THOMPSON or EUGENE DENNIS alone. DENNIS replied that the report was THOMPSON's, but the thinking in the report was partly THOMPSON's, partly his, DENNIS's, as well as a majority of the National Committee and National Executive Committee.

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At this point there was a ten minute recess, which took place about 11:30 AM, and discussion was resumed at 11:40 AM.

A Philadelphia CP member, who indicated he was affiliated with the industrial workers, said that he supported THOMPSON's report. He said the situation in Philadelphia was getting worse because of the fact that the national leaders had not drawn up a program after the national convention.

[redacted] from Philadelphia then pointed out that the CP in Philadelphia was divided with the various sections having different ideas so far as rebuilding the Party was concerned, and they were confused as to what program to adopt.

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A woman from New Jersey, about 40 years of age with a

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heavy build, said that in New Jersey the Party was beginning to rebuild and they had nine sections set up. She indicated that there was some activity, and pointing to some leaflets in her hand indicated that these were being put out to support political candidates in New Jersey. She said factional groups in New Jersey had created a bad situation, and that it was difficult to get the old timers to return to the Party to say nothing of new recruits. She said that the District Board was set up in New Jersey, and operating on a small scale.

A short man from Massachusetts, about 35 years of age, then indicated that his area had been authorized to put on a full-time functionary.

At this point in the meeting, which was about 1:00 PM, the Chairman announced that lunch would be served on the second floor, and the group had lunch and came back to the meeting room about 1:40 PM.

After lunch an unidentified CP member, a white man from New York, brought a blackboard to one end of the room and wrote "900" and then wrote "670."

[redacted] then turned to [redacted] and stated that the person at the blackboard was giving a report on the situation in New York.

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The person at the blackboard then pointing to "900" indicated that that was the number of CP members registered to date, and pointing to "670" indicated that was the number to be registered and included former CP members and recruits.

The person at the blackboard then marked down "2" and next to it "print." Below that he wrote "7" and next to it "district." He then indicated by pointing that seven districts were operating in the state. The person at the blackboard then erased everything and wrote "May Day" and next to it "1000." He then indicated that 1000 persons influenced by the CP had attended the May Day rally.

After erasing, the person at the blackboard wrote down "auto" and "steel" and beside it "3000." He then indicated

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by pointing that the CP had contact with that many persons in both industries, and although the Party could not say that even one-third of these persons were CP members, he could say they were all sympathetic to CP policies and programs, and he would explain later as to why these persons could not come out openly in the backing of CP programs.

The person at the blackboard after erasing that which had been written down then wrote "longshore" and "Dock News." He then indicated by pointing that in the area of New York the CP was playing a tremendous role among the longshore group and was putting out the publication, "Dock News." He then indicated pointing to longshore that they were in contact with that group, and then he wrote down "Staten Island" and pointed to it. The person at the blackboard then pointing to "Staten Island" indicated that the Party had prospects for future members in that area. The person at the blackboard then erased everything written down and wrote "cultural" and indicated through pointing that the CP could play a great role among the "cultural."

After erasing what had gone before, the person at the blackboard wrote "Un-American" and through references in his talk indicated that he was referring to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He indicated that the "3000" which he had mentioned earlier were in fear of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and that the only way for the CP to overcome its isolation would be to mobilize forces against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

HYMAN LUMER later on during the afternoon indicated that the circulation of the publication "Political Affairs" had to be pushed since there were only 5000 readers.

[redacted] who was driving a car with New Jersey plates, then told the group that he had formerly been a member of the State Committee and had resigned because of ideological differences.

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A crippled woman from New York, who had braces on her legs, then went to the blackboard and wrote "600" and at the end of her talk wrote "10." It was not clear from

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her talk as to what she was referring to with regard to those numbers she had written down.

Towards the end of the meeting, [REDACTED] from Baltimore made a motion that the persons present should return to their districts and utilize their forces to rebuild the Party, and that another conference should be called in three to four months to determine the gains that had been made. This motion was passed unanimously.

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The meeting was ended at about 3:50 PM.

After the meeting, [REDACTED] was seen driving a car with New Jersey plates, which car contained [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as passengers."

This memo has been compared with informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/12/58

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	5/17/58	5/21/58	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

In speaking of Local 65 in instant report, it is believed [REDACTED] was referring to the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union which is mentioned in the 6/1/58 issue of The Worker.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

cc's:

2 - Newark (REGISTERED MAIL)

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100- [REDACTED] SECURITY MEASURES

12- New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

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100- [REDACTED] UNSUB; WHITE FEMALE

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100- PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS

100- DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

100- FACTIONALISM

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100-8422

100-12076

GEORGE MEYERS

100-10975

100-8306

100-12266

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100-12464 ORGANIZATION, MARYLAND - D.C.

100-4090 BALTIMORE DIVISION, MARYLAND - D.C.

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"Baltimore, Maryland
May 21, 1958

The following report concerns a visit by [redacted] and [redacted] CP District Board members for the CP District which includes Maryland and Washington, D. C., to the home of [redacted] New York CP members, at the [redacted] residence, [redacted] where they have a second floor front apartment. The visit took place May 17, 1958.

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[redacted] left CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, about 6:35 PM and walked to the [redacted] residence about 20 minutes later. Upon arrival they found [redacted] and their daughter, age 8, at home. Also in the apartment was a young white woman, age 25-30, tall and slender, with brown hair and light eyes. From conversation later on in the evening it was determined that this woman lived in the apartment directly above the [redacted] [redacted] mentioned during the evening that the woman worked as an estimator and made a good salary but spent it mostly on liquor since she was a heavy drinker.

The group had a social discussion until supper time and after supper, [redacted] got dressed to go out. After dressing, she went upstairs to the young woman's apartment with her daughter, and the young woman leaving about 8:50 PM.

After the women left, [redacted] went to a room off the living room which contained books and records and showed [redacted] a leaflet which he claimed the CP in New York had prepared for distribution. The leaflet pointed out that numerous buildings in New York did not have proper fire escapes.

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[redacted] then mentioned that when he and his wife had moved from Baltimore, they had been under surveillance by the FBI. [redacted] then mentioned that he knew several people who were also under surveillance by the FBI.

[redacted] then mentioned that he had received CP literature from [redacted] then said that the Ultra-Left forces in New York City were pretty well under the

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control of [redacted] who had about 60 followers. [redacted] said there were some disagreements among these 60 people despite [redacted] control.

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[redacted] then said that he himself had been a member of the Ultra-Left group before the present leadership in the national CP had been elected. [redacted] said he had become angry with the Ultra-Left group when [redacted] had made a motion at a meeting to the effect that anyone who was three months in arrears in his CP dues would be expelled from the group. [redacted] said that this motion had been aimed directly at him since [redacted] knew that he, [redacted] was behind in his dues. [redacted] said that he had fought [redacted] on this issue and had finally left the group.

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[redacted] said he was definitely opposed to the Ultra-Left forces because they wanted to sue unions on behalf of screened seamen who were unable to get their union books.

Following a conversation between [redacted] regarding sales methods, [redacted] mentioned that he belonged to Local 65 which included truck drivers, store workers, salesmen and cafeteria workers among its members. [redacted] said the union membership amounted to 70,000 people in New York. [redacted] said that there were CP members in the union who were truck drivers, salesmen, retail store workers and cafeteria workers. [redacted] said that these CP members were successful in recruiting additional members in the union, and CP members were active in the union in carrying out an agitation program. [redacted] said that CP members in Local 65 had been able to get a lot of things done and in particular mentioned that leaflets had been drawn up and distributed to union members.

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[redacted] then asked whether in distributing literature did the FBI or the police department interfere. [redacted] replied that they had never been interfered with, although they had noted from time to time that persons in the crowd were observing them.

[redacted] said that as long as they were not interfered with

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they did not care and would continue to pass out their leaflets.

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Social discussion followed until about 2:10 AM, at which time [redacted] returned.

[redacted] how long he had been a leader in the CP, and [redacted] told her that [redacted] had been a leader since the State Convention of the previous year.

[redacted] then told [redacted] about the tragedy that had taken place at the home of [redacted] recently.

[redacted] then asked whether [redacted] was still in the CP. [redacted] replied that the Party had had some difficulty with [redacted] in that a number of people had accused him of being a Government informant and the Party had cut off activities with [redacted]

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[redacted] then mentioned that long before she and her husband had left Baltimore, [redacted] had suspected [redacted] of being an informant, but that she had disagreed because her husband never had anything concrete on which to base this suspicion. [redacted] then said that while the CP had to be careful, CP members should not accuse each other without reason.

[redacted] then commented while in Baltimore the situation had become so bad that she herself had almost fallen into the trap of being suspicious of everyone.

[redacted] then asked about [redacted] and whether he was still a CP leader. [redacted] replied that [redacted] was supposed to be a District Committee member but had only attended a few meetings. [redacted] said that [redacted] was leading the right revisionist group in Baltimore.

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[redacted] then asked about [redacted] and when [redacted] said they hadn't seen him recently, [redacted] stated that on his last visit to Baltimore which had taken place in February, he had had a long

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discussion with [redacted] said that [redacted] had commented on the manner in which [redacted] had discharged [redacted] and [redacted] said from [redacted] he got the impression that Party people in the Baltimore area thought that [redacted] and [redacted] had been wrong in their manner of firing [redacted] said that [redacted] was supposed to be a progressive but apparently had changed.

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[redacted] then said that [redacted] said that he intended to punch [redacted] in the nose the next time he saw him because while [redacted] was in jail, [redacted] had brought two Negroes from Philadelphia to [redacted] home and had taken over his residence. [redacted] said that one of these two Negroes later turned out to be a police department informant.

[redacted] asked whether [redacted] was still in the Party and [redacted] replied that they were not sure.

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[redacted] asked about [redacted] replied that a lot of people disassociated themselves with the CP in Baltimore following the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings which had taken place in May of 1957. [redacted] said at that time [redacted] had been a Committee-at-Large member, but following the receipt of a subpoena to appear before the HCUA had quit the Party.

[redacted] then asked about [redacted] replied that since the HCUA hearings, [redacted] had been in and out of the Party, at times paying dues and at other times refusing to pay. [redacted] said he did not know her present status.

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[redacted] asked whether [redacted] was still a CP member. [redacted] turned to [redacted] and asked [redacted] the same question, and [redacted] replied that he never knew him to have been a member. [redacted] then said that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] had been a CP dues paying member up to the time he had been subpoenaed before the HCUA in May of 1957. [redacted] said that he felt

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that at the present stage [redacted] was being careful and was "possibly" still paying dues but if so, only to GEORGE MEYERS or [redacted] and that only [redacted] or MEYERS would know the true facts.

[redacted] then asked whether [redacted] had reacted against the CP following the HCUA hearings. [redacted] replied that [redacted] had no such reaction so far as he knew and that he had seen him several times since May of 1957. [redacted] pointed out that MEYERS and others go to [redacted] with legal problems, and that [redacted] continues to give the CP legal advice.

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[redacted] then pointed out that his wife, [redacted] and three others were planning to go to New York the following Friday to attend a Finnish affair and also to attend a PAUL ROBESON concert.

[redacted] then asked whether [redacted] was still in the Party, and [redacted] asked whether he meant the man who was in Longshore. [redacted] replied that he meant the man who had been in the Furniture Workers union and had formerly been a member of the Sobell Committee. [redacted] then said that [redacted] was still a member but was meeting only with GEORGE MEYERS and was not attending any affairs or CP group meetings.

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[redacted] asked about [redacted] [redacted] replied that he was still a CP member.

The [redacted] then disclosed that they were unemployed. [redacted] pointed out that her husband when he managed to get a job as a salesman, would lose it in short order because he kept telling the owners how to run their business.

[redacted] then said that he had been selling books for a period but had gotten into a disagreement with his partner and had quit.

The group finally went to bed about 4:00 AM."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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To: Director, FBI (100-3-69)

From: SAC, Pittsburgh (100-8973)

C I N A L

Re: CP - USA, ORGANIZATION
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Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau 6/9/58 captioned "CP-USA, Factionalism."

Care should be exercised in the utilization of the following information in order to protect the identity of the source:

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Boston (100-20779) (CP-USA, ORGANIZATION) (RM)
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- 1 - New Haven (100-) (CP-USA, ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 9 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-23825 BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., #19-1
 - 1 - 100-8057 EUGENE DENNIS, #19-1
 - 1 - 100-16021 ARNOLD JOHNSON, #7-2
 - 1 - 100-27452 ROBERT THOMPSON, #19-1
 - 1 - 100-26018 LOUIS WEINSTOCK, #19-2
 - 1 - 100-86624 CP-USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, #19-1
 - 1 - 100-80638 CP-USA, MEMBERSHIP, #19
 - 1 - 100-80640 CP-USA, NEGRO QUESTION, #19-1
 - 1 - 100-80641 CP-USA, ORGANIZATION #19-1
- 5 - Philadelphia (RM)
 - 1 - 100-33150 CP-USA, FACTIONALISM
 - 1 - 100-31723 CP-USA, ORGANIZATION
 - 1 - 100-38020 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 18 - Pittsburgh
 - 1 - 100-1576 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-269 BENJAMIN CAREATHERS
 - 1 - 100-1763 STEVE NELSON
 - 1 - 100-4003 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-3443 [REDACTED]

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1 - 100-9031, CP-USA, LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
1 - 100-8664, CP-USA, MEMBERSHIP
1 - 100-8995, CP-USA, NEGRO QUESTION
1 - 100-8654, CP-USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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PG 148-S* (reliable - conceal) on 6/11/58 advised [redacted] that a meeting was held on the evening of that date at the residence of [redacted] Pittsburgh 6, Pa. at which STEVE NELSON, chairman, CP of Western Pennsylvania, and the following members of the District Board, CP of Western Pennsylvania were in attendance: [redacted] BENJAMIN CAREATHERS.

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[redacted] was selected as chairman at this meeting.

STEVE NELSON commented about a banquet held at Philadelphia, Pa. on Saturday, 6/7/58 at which he and [redacted] were in attendance. He stated that about 150 people were present; that [redacted] were there; and that he wished that they could get that many people together at Pittsburgh. He stated that one person at the banquet remarked that the Social Democrats in France have sold out the working class and NELSON then added his personal opinion that maybe this is true but the problem is not that but is what we (CP) are doing about it. (It is noted that NELSON at this meeting did not comment upon the meeting scheduled to be held 6/8/58 at Philadelphia, Pa. referred to in re Philadelphia airtel).

NELSON then discussed an article which had recently appeared in "The Pittsburgh Press," a Pittsburgh, Pa. daily newspaper, which concerned a bill pending in Congress which would allow the various states to take precedence in their subversive laws over the laws of the Federal government. He stated that they should send out a mailing in the name of one of the committees to the three or four thousand individuals available to them in order to have those individuals write to their congressmen and senators requesting that they vote against the bill. NELSON stated that they have to work fast since the bill is out of the committee; that there are no unions that they (CP) can reach to help on this; and that President EISENHOWER cannot afford to let this bill pass.

[redacted] stated that when something comes from a radical source you are not going to get the people to do anything. He stated that they have something here and if it is handled properly it will take on a different character. He commented

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that they have to start out a pitch with the anti-labor laws, the attacks on labor and the negro people and then bring it around to this law in order to tie them all together into an attack against the people.

He commented that they should tell the people to discuss it among themselves and how to take action by influencing and supporting their unions in their stand on this bill.

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[redacted] stated that he was in favor of fully exploiting this and that he did not see any harm in NELSON's signing his name to such a letter.

NELSON stated that they have to figure out how they can get the forces moving; that they can contact the "Post Gazette," a Pittsburgh, Pa. daily newspaper, to put out an editorial since they have a point, and that they can get the "Pittsburgh Courier," a national weekly newspaper published at Pittsburgh, Pa., to lead off the attack on the Supreme Court since they have something to quote. He stated that he will go to the "Post Gazette" to talk it over with them; that BENJAMIN CAREATERS can visit the "Pittsburgh Courier" where he will see the religious editor to speak out against the segregation laws; and that they do not have to mention the (STEVE) NELSON case. He added that if something comes out alright they can go ahead with the work: that he can write a letter to the Quakers and [redacted] in Philadelphia who may be able to reach some unions; and that he will also write to Boston and Connecticut. He then asked how they could get to the Attorney General of Pennsylvania as it would help if he would issue a statement. NELSON stated that they should address their envelopes and obtain some mailing material which will deal with the labor action, civil rights, equal rights and the Supreme Court; and that they can set up a new committee to send them from Pittsburgh. NELSON indicated that he might contact the professor of the local American Civil Liberties Union who could get out a statement and that they should have some of their (CP) people write personal letters to their congressmen. He concluded by stating that they have to act fast to send something out but that it should not be from the "left."

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The next topic on the agenda concerned the Independent Voters League and NELSON stated that they should select a sub committee to go through the list of people to select 100 individuals who could be invited, which of course would result in an attendance of about 25 persons; that [redacted] can go over the foreign born (American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born); that [redacted] can sign the primary call; that they should do this before the elapse of too much time since the primary; that the meeting can be held in a hotel; that [redacted] are to be the committee; and that they should get something within the next 10 days.

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NELSON then remarked that there were questions left over from the last meeting (held 5/29/58 at Pittsburgh) and that they would continue regarding these. He stated that he had given a brief summary of the conference (CP-USA Eastern Seaboard Conference held 5/17 and 18/58) and that they had had a report on the elections. He stated that on the second day of the conference BEN DAVIS reported on the matter which they called the fight for the Party; that people spoke from the floor on this and that New York was particularly prominent. NELSON commented that (LOUIS) WEINSTOCK said he went out to register people into the Party; that there is a lot of unemployment; that some people are coming back into the Party; but that New York has not increased its registration very much.

NELSON stated that a comrade from New Jersey commented that he did not like the speech made by Comrade (ARNOLD) JOHNSON or the article which had appeared in "The Worker" and challenged the attitude and why (ROBERT) THOMPSON had said "of course." This comrade asked how you can have a discussion if there is no dissention. This individual also addressed part of his question to (EUGENE) DENNIS who in turn made his usual type answer - that is, you cannot pin him down on anything.

NELSON stated that his own feelings are that the line of the (CP-USA 16th National) Convention is being reputiated more every day. He stated that [redacted] desired that he bring back about 10 copies of the conference proceedings but when he went to the third floor of the national office he was advised that none were available

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but could probably be bought elsewhere. He added that as he sees it it is a sad story that the convention policy is being reversed; that he does not say that the convention was right on everything although it was in the main; that Marxism is a science and that they should tackle these questions; and that the 12 party statement was adopted on a vote of 22 to 32. He stated that he feels very badly about the conference; that he thinks they should continue the fight within the party for the convention and that it will take the next decade to straighten this out in the world communist movement.

NELSON continued by stating that they are not going to accept the statements from the other communist parties without examining them in the light of American experiences and American policy; that they have to face up to the fact that they are isolated from labor and the Negro people; that things are no longer to be handled by a DUCLOSE letter; and that they must come to their own conclusion as to what should be done. He stated that there is no rule except by the dictatorship of the proletariat; that when the national committee by a slight vote passes over an important theoretical point they are over-riding the convention and forcing their will on the minority; and that the dissention within the Party is created by a few individuals forcing their will on the remainder. NELSON stated that they are not going to build any Communist Party in the U. S. to deal with the unions and Negro people if they are going to take orders from the CP (USSR). He added that he does not subscribe to the theory that all wisdom comes from the Soviet Union.

[redacted] stated that all comrades are solidly aligned on NELSON's side.

[redacted] stated that he wants to mobilize the Party to stand by the decisions of the convention.

At the conclusion of this meeting [redacted] commented that he would pay what money he has on the (literature) bill.

For info.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-17769)

DATE: 6/19/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

SUBJECT: CP, USA-FUNDS
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On 5/23/58, NY 694-S* reported that he had conferred on the previous day with ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, who advised the informant as follows:

EUGENE DENNIS will attend the CP, USA midwest conference to be held in Chicago on the week-end of May 24th and 25th, 1958. While in Chicago, DENNIS will talk to CARL WINTER and HELEN WINTER, to determine finally whether they are willing to accept Party posts in NYC. CARL WINTER has been offered the position of editor of "The Worker," and HELEN WINTER has been offered the position of administrative secretary-treasurer of the CP National Office, the post recently vacated by [REDACTED]

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THOMPSON, because of illness, was unable to attend the recent East Coast CP conference. In evaluating the said conference, the CP leadership concluded that the conference had been "positive" rather than "negative" in that it reflected "a trend toward work." What was particularly noteworthy was that many new and active people" attended the conference.

- 2-Chicago (100-17769)(RM)
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 - (1-100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION)
- 1-Baltimore (100-) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
- 1-Cleveland (100-) (HY LUMER) (RM)
- 2-Detroit (RM)
 - (1-100-) (HELEN WINTER)
 - (1-100-) (CARL WINTER)
- 1-Newark (100-) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
- 1-New York (134-91 P&C (INVE)) (6)
- 1-New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- 1-New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
- 1-New York (97-169) ("THE WORKER") (7-1)
- 1-New York (100-80641) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (7-5)
- 1-New York (100-80638) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (7-5)
- 1-New York (100-50806) (GEORGE B. CHARNEY) (7-6)
- 1-New York (100-128813) (CP, USA PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS) (7-5)
- 1-New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOFSY) (7-5)
- 1-New York (100-21) (MORNING FREIHEIT) (7-1)
- 1-New York (100-82522) [REDACTED]
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What also was interesting and encouraging was that, according to reports from the New Jersey and Baltimore districts, a number of people who had left the Party during the past five years recently rejoined. Though these people were comparatively few in numbers, their return to the Party is an indication that mass resignations from the Party have ceased, and that the return to the Party of many who had resigned may be anticipated.

THOMPSON is determined that mistakes made in the past with respect to CP finances shall not be repeated. Pursuant to an agreement, to be effective immediately, between the NY State CP leadership and THOMPSON representing the national leadership, funds of the NY State CP and the National office will become "a sustaining fund" controlled by "a treasurer and a committee." This "sustaining fund" will not include the Reserve Fund, which at the moment is non-existent. If, and when, there is any money in the CP Reserve Fund, THOMPSON would like NY 694-S to control such funds, and "to advise the others engaged in the Reserve Fund operation."

To date, the National office has received only four hundred dollars as its share of the money from the current national fund drive. Most of the CP districts have not as yet begun to collect for the said drive.

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY has returned only \$22,000.00 of the \$80,000, in CP funds which he has been holding, and [redacted] has returned none of the \$25,000.00 in Party money which he has. THOMPSON is of the opinion that CHARNEY and NORMAN will retain this money for the use of the "Right-Wing" group of which they are members. This group, which, nationwide, consists of between three hundred and four hundred members, still have not reached agreement concerning what their political line should be.

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The CP has received a request from "Marxist Review," that THOMPSON write an article on "Revisionism in the USA" and that HY LUMER write an article on "The Economic Situation in the USA." These articles will be written. THOMPSON identified "Marxist Review", as "that new periodical published on the other side."

NY 694-S also conferred on 5/23/58, with ISIDORE WOFSEY, who has been active in the CP Reserve Fund as contact with donors.

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WOFSY was disturbed because he does not believe he will be able to retire from the Reserve Fund operation in June, 1958, as he had planned, and as EUGENE DENNIS had agreed that he might do. The difficulty is that as yet the Party has not found a replacement for him.

Although WOFSY has no particular plans for the future, and has to find a new means of livelihood, he is anxious to resign his post as soon as possible. He feels that if he should remain much longer in the Reserve Fund operation, he will be blamed for the chaotic condition of the Reserve Fund operation. WOFSY said he had been told that HELEN WINTER might come to NY to assume WOFSY'S financial operations.

Regarding the "Freiheit" and "The Worker," these papers have been "technically separated." For record purposes, JACK STACHEL has induced a few cloak makers to become record owners of "The Morning Freiheit." The technical separation of the papers has caused much ill-feeling since a financial accounting reflects that the "Freiheit" owes "The Worker" \$15,000.00.

Despite much "table-pounding," it had to be conceded that the "Freiheit", owed "The Worker" the aforesaid sum.

Although the papers are scheduled to separate "in a physical sense," that is not possible now in view of the lack of funds. Temporarily both papers will continue to operate at 35 E. 12th St., where they occupy three floors and the basement. Neither paper has paid any rent recently to the management of the said building, as a result of which the management is in a desperate financial situation, being unable to meet the next mortgage payment and facing possible foreclosure proceedings.

After a separation of the aforesaid papers in "a physical sense," [redacted] print-shop manager, is scheduled to be associated exclusively with "The Morning Freiheit."

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TO : SAC, St. Louis (100-5238)

FROM : SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
ST. LOUIS DIVISION
IS - SWP

DATE: 6/4/58

On May 19, 1958, [redacted] furnished the following statement personally: *Filed in* [redacted]

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"May 14th 1958

"I am turning over to you the following correspondence & literature received by mail_

"letter dated 4/22/58 from [redacted] NO, NY Recd 4/25/58
letter dated 4/26/58 from [redacted] NO, NY Recd 4/28/58
letter dated 4/21/58 from [redacted] NO, NY
Recd 4/23/58
letter dated 4/28/58 from [redacted] NO, NY
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letter dated 4/29/58 from [redacted] Pub.
NO, NY Recd 5/6/58
Circular - Pioneer Publishers 'Negroes on the March'
Recd 5/5/58

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"Circular - NY School of Social Science NY Recd 5/2/58
Circular - Soc Workers Party May Day Celebration NY
Recd 5/2/58
Pamphlet Purchased from Pioneer Pub. 'Socialist
Election Policy in 1958' Recd 5/3/58"

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[] also turned over the following exhibits which are listed above:

(1) Letter signed by [] "Organization Secretary" dated April 22, 1958 at New York, New York, directed "To All Locals and Branches." This letter reads as follows:

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"Attached is a copy of a news report which deals with the present state of the Communist Party throughout the country.

Many of the observations in the attached report have been confirmed by reports we have received of defections which have occurred in the leadership and ranks of the CP following their recent national plenum.

The California comrades report that some 40 members of the CP have recently left, among them a number of prominent leaders. The following letter received from a friend inside the California CP organization throws some light on the conflict within the CP in California:

"April 9, 1958

"SWP
77 Bradford St.
San Francisco, California

"Dear Comrades,

"Because of the stagnant conditions within the Communist Party there have been practically no noteworthy activities since I last wrote to you. Now it looks like the big break may be taking place. I think that the straw that broke this camel's back has been the Holland Roberts campaign. The CP is in the embarrassing position of being forced to support

a CP member who has joined forces with the SWP and has even allowed 'The Dirty Trotskyites' to serve on his campaign committee. Al Richmond said that it is an impossible situation for the CP to be in but they are forced to support Roberts or be forever branded as a 'do-nothing party.'

"To add to the confusion, three of the CP's brightest stars, Oleta Yates, Louise Lambert, and Loretta Stack, have turned in their resignations and are going to circulate a petition calling for other CP members to follow their example. They apparently plan to start some type of a discussion group which will be made up of former CP members. It remains to be seen just what will happen but it is a cinch that the loss of these three CP members will be a tremendous blow to the CP.

"I'll have to admit that your coup with Holland Roberts was a big and pleasant surprise even to me. It is great to be associated even though anonymously, with an organization with the initiative and 'know-how' to get things done.

"Comradely,

"A friend."

"If you have any information on similar developments about the CP in your locality, we would appreciate very much receiving such information as soon as possible to enable us to compile an accurate record of what has been happening inside the CP since the Foster group took over the organization at the last plenum of the Communist Party in February."

Attached to [] letter is a reprint from an article appearing in the New York Post April 16, 1958 entitled "Secret Red Audit Reveals Only 3,000 Are Left - by TED POSTON." This article reads as follows:

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"The Communist Party U.S.A. torn by internal dissension and riddled by mass resignations has plummeted to fewer than 3,000 dues paying members, an all-time low, The Post learned today.

"The drastic drop in membership--which John Gates, resigning Daily Worker editor had estimated last Jan. 10 at 'less than 7,000'--was revealed in a nation-wide 'self-audit' of party registration, ordered by the present Moscow-oriented leaders of the party.

"According to high sources within the party, the secret census revealed:

"The California Communist Party, which once supplied almost half of the national total membership, is practically non-existent today in the wake of the April 1 mass resignation of 26 of its most prominent leaders.

"The Brooklyn CP unit, which, with 10,000 dues payers, once almost rivaled the whole California membership, has been unable to register 1,000 present members. The 'audit' has just past 800 there.

"From these same sources, it was learned that The Worker, official CP weekend newspaper which succeeded the suppressed Daily Worker, last January, has reneged on its promise to make compromise lump sum payments totalling \$7,100 in severance pay to seven staff members who left before and after Gates. It is faced with the possibility of court action by the Newspaper Guild of New York if the resigned employees appeal to the union.

"The party leadership ironically, at a time when Negro membership is at the lowest ebb, is now dominated by four Moscow-oriented stalwarts, three of whom are Negroes.

"The present crisis of disintegration has developed rapidly since Gates and other supporters of a line 'independent' from Moscow domination were practically forced out by the William Z. Foster faction in January. But the breakup had begun long before that.

"Last October, three of the Daily Worker's most skilled staff members quit the paper, and ceased active party participation on an understanding that they would be paid full severance pay, up to six months salary, according to the Guild contract.

"They were Herbert Singer, city labor reporter; Robert Friedman, rewrite and makeup man, and Sally Kantor of the business office. None has yet received the promised severance pay. A lump sum payment of half that amount was finally agreed upon as a compromise, but it has not been paid either.

"Then in February, four of the Daily Worker's best known writers followed Gates away from the paper under an agreement negotiated in bitterness, by which they would have received three months' salary as severance pay instead of the six months' pay they sought.

"These were Alan Max, satirical columnist and editorial writer; Lester Rodney, sports and feature writer; Abner W. Berry, columnist, editorialist, reporter and City Desk man; and Max Gordon, city and state affairs reporter.

"Of the seven ex-Worker staff members, six have withdrawn from all party activity upon leaving the Daily Worker, this newspaper learned; the seventh supports them in demands for the \$7,100 lump sum payments.

"The week-end Worker, officially run by William L. Patterson but directed in actuality by Benjamin J. Davis, former City Councilman, has pleaded inability to make a lump sum payment, but has reduced the total due to \$4,600 through payments to individuals ranging from \$350 to \$900.

"The group met recently, The Post learned, and discussed the possibility of filing a complaint with the Newspaper Guild unless the full amount of the compromise agreement is paid.

"Much of the resentment of this group--and of several other workers whose paydays have been skipped but who have remained in the party--is a wide spread belief that the Communist Party still has hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash which could be used to meet such current expenses.

"Much of this money was raised and put in the hands of trusted individuals, they contend, while several Communists convicted under the Smith Act were fugitives hiding out here and in other countries.

"'One man alone,' one of these critics charged recently, 'had \$200,000 in cash. This money has not been returned for regular purposes. Another had \$30,000.'

"The most immediately available cash, they contend, is held by the Brooklyn unit of the party which is believed to have \$150,000. This unit is controlled by Charles Lowman, one of the three Negroes now believed dominant in control of the party.

"The others are Davis and James E. Jackson, Jr., the party's top Southern organizer, who skipped bail after his Smith Act conviction in 1951 as a second string Communist leader, but who surrendered to Justice Dept. officials here in 1955.

"Technically, Foster is the titular leader of the completely dominant pro-Moscow faction in the party. But, insiders say the real power is being wielded now by Davis, Jackson, Lowman and Eugene Dennis, who was once Party Secretary.

"'Any one who challenges any decision of this group,' one dissident said, 'is immediately branded as a "white chauvinist" and automatically discredited. Davis used this tactic on Gates in the Daily Worker fight and it is even more effective today.'

"Patterson, who directs the Worker, is a veteran Negro Communist. With Davis 'advising' he is in practically complete charge of the paper since Si Gerson, who was once appointed executive editor to 'ride herd' on the dissident Gates, and A. B. Magil, the foreign editor who succeeded the resigning Joe Clark, left the Worker on March 15.

"Although neither Gerson nor Magil has been active recently, neither is believed to have quit the party.

"The heaviest loss in party membership, however, followed the mass resignation April 1 of 26 California leaders, several of whom are still fighting Smith Act convictions.

"They included Oleta Yates O'Connor, Frank Carlson, Louise Todd, Donald Wheeldin of the People's World, Official West Coast CP organ, and Celeste Strack, once regarded as the party's most brilliant political scientist.

"Although there was no visible connection between Gates and these West Coast leaders, they also demanded more 'independence' on the part of American Communists and less domination by Moscow.

"Similar mass defections of party members were reported by the 'audit' in Minnesota and Illinois, the third and fourth strongest bastions of the party."

This exhibit is filed in [REDACTED]

(2) Letter dated April 26, 1958 sent to the St. Louis Branch SWP signed [REDACTED] This acknowledges receipt of \$28 for the Socialist Expansion Fund. Attached to this is another receipt signed "N.O. Socialist Workers Party, [REDACTED] for \$47.50 dated April 25, 1958. This is broken down into \$28.00 for the Expansion Fund, \$15.00 for the Sustainer Fund, and \$4.50 for dues.

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This exhibit is filed in [REDACTED]

(3) Letter directed to All Locals and Branches dated April 21, 1958 from New York, New York and signed [REDACTED] Business Manager." The letter states that the May Day issue of "The Militant" will feature the "Need for a Socialist America." It will also carry a roundup of Socialist Election Campaigns, articles on the economic picture, and the "Struggle Against War." Orders for extra copies must be in by April 24.

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(4) Letter signed by [REDACTED] "Editor", dated April 28, 1958 on letterhead of "The Militant" directed to All Locals and Branches. The letter asks that each branch keep "The Militant" apprised of "any activity by union bodies throughout the country pertaining to unemployment."

The letter further states that the May 19th issue

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will be entitled "The Face of American Capitalism -- And of Its Victims."

This exhibit is filed in [REDACTED]

(5) Letter dated April 29, 1958 directed to All Literature Agents, captioned "Display Methods -- Free Literature" signed by [REDACTED] for Pioneer Publishers. The letter suggests that display racks be build to show certain books. [REDACTED] states that the recession has revived the value of the 1945 plant pamphlet "Jobs For All" by ART PREIS. [REDACTED] suggests that the pamphlet be used in regroupment work, electioneering, and in duscussing unemployment conditions. An order blank is attached.

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Enclosed with this letter is a flyer advertising "Negroes on the March" by DANIEL GUERIN, "The Struggle for Negro Equality" by JOHN SAUNDERS and ALBERT PARKER, "The Class Struggle Road to Negro Equality - resolution adopted by the Socialist Workers Party", and "The Santana Case, Tragedy of a Puerto Rican Youth" by JOYCE COWLEY. This literature can be ordered from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, New York.

This exhibit is filed in [REDACTED]

(6) Flyer announcing the annual spring bazaar May 17- (1958) at 116 University Place, New York 3, New York, under the auspices of the New York School of Social Science.

Received with this was a flyer announcing a May Day Celebration, May 3, (1958) which features JOSEPH HANSEN, Editor, "The International Socialist Review" and NORA ROBERTS, "Member of the Young Socialist Alliance," as speakers.

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Both of these flyers are filed in [REDACTED]

(7) Pamphlet by JAMES P. CANNON entitled "Socialist Election Policy in 1958."

This exhibit is filed in [REDACTED]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-18969)

DATE: June 12, 1958

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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Date & Description:

Meeting, North Shore Section,
CP, USA, New England District,
5/19/58, [REDACTED]
5/27/58

Date Received:

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SA [REDACTED]
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In view of the sensitivity of this Informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this Informant.

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Informant's written report, dated May 23, 1958, follows:

"May 23, 1958

"On Monday evening May 19, 1958 I attended a North Shore Section meeting of the N. E. Communist Party at the home of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Those attending were as follows:

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[redacted] entered the house also a Negroe entered and was met by [redacted] downstairs in [redacted] house - apparently there was also a meeting of some sort at Jim's the same evening.

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"Points under discussion were:

- The Sane Committee - Political Action
- The Minority Report given by CARL WINTER & LIGHTFOOT at the N. E. C. which we've waited so long for.
- A Report by [redacted] on the Eastern Seaboard Conference N. Y. May 17 & 18
- Election of Chairman and delegates to D. C.

"On The Political Action - [redacted] was supposed to speak - But he stated he didn't feel prepared.

"The question of the Sane Committee on Nuclear Policy was raised - [redacted] reported we hadn't done anything on that as yet - [redacted] was supposed to get in touch with [redacted] hadn't been able to see him. ([redacted] wanted to know if we'd all seen the add our people in Gloucester had gotten into the paper down there. These had been shown us at a previous meeting at [redacted]

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"On the Minority Report - We all affirmed our original vote for the Majority Report with the exception of [redacted] who abstained because she hadn't read the Minority Report and [redacted] who voted in favor of the Minority Report.

[redacted] stated again he was in favor of the Majority Report because its a step in the right direction. We can finally get down to work. And also because its the first time since the convention that some real concrete action has been taken by the Nat. Committee. He said the thing we had to be careful about was going all out for one side or the other. But he accepted the Majority Report on the basis that now we could get down to work.

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[redacted] objection was that the Dennis Report - i.e. Majority Report - upset the direction of the Convention and put us back where we were before it. Saying the Convention had tried to seek a way out of our isolation and he thought the Majority Report reversed Convention decisions."

[] gave a report on the Eastern Seaboard Conference - Saying on Sat. May 17 - ARNOLD JOHNSON had been the speaker - stressing our two most important activities now were the Depression and the question of Peace:

[] stated that Sat. was given over to discussing Political Action. That ARNOLD JOHNSON had stated that for those of us in the Democratic Party our main task was not building the Democratic Party - but rather to build an Anti-Monopoly - coalition within the Dem. Party. This he directed to [] who are members of the Dem. Party. I believe [] is on the City Committee in the city where he lives.

[] also stated that A. JOHNSON said that in working on the Depression and the question of peace we would be building an anti-monopoly-coalition. Also following out of this work would be working for Negro rights - Civil Liberties, etc.

[] reported that Sun. May 18 was given over to discussing conditions within the C. Party itself. He reported that BOB THOMPSON was to be the main speaker - but couldn't as he was still having trouble with his head from a fall (?) So DENNIS had pinch-hit for THOMPSON.

[] reported that DENNIS had reported that in the 4th district of Penn. where we had people in both the Republican & Democratic organizations we had been able to get Negro candidates in both Parties to run for election. Also in the first district of Michigan some of our Democratic Party people had been able to get support for a Negro candidate. That in Penn. in particular our people were doing a good job. Wherever we could in the Political Field we should push for Negro and labor candidates.

[] said DENNIS reported on registration - we had 900 Industrial Workers registered in N. Y. and had registered 9 new ones. That registration should take place on a year round basis. We should try to get as many people back into the party as possible and also try to get new members wherever possible. We should try to keep track of and get acquainted with as many unemployed persons in our area as possible."

"He said DENNIS reported 26 members in Southern California had left the party. MICKY LIMA of Mt. Calif. who had been associated with the rt had led the Mt. Californians in repudiating the 26 from Southern California.

"Also DENNIS reported that 60 ultra-left Party members in N.Y. were going to leave because they didn't think the party was revolutionary enough but had decided to stay at this time.

"He also said that DENNIS had reported on the status of the Worker. That in June of 1957 we had 9,500 subs - we now had 12,000 as of May 1958 we still needed to do more work on the Sub drive. That N.E. hadn't done as much as we should - He reported that in Chicago they were doing a good job on the Worker Drive.

"Around Political Action [] reported that Ingersol of the Socialist Labor Party had been to see him and asked for his support in keeping them on the ballot. That there was to be a meeting at Ingersol's on Thursday May 22, 1958 and Ingersol wanted to be honest in reporting the no. of people giving them support at this meeting - he wouldn't report any names - just the no. of people in attendance. He [] wanted to know if we wanted to support them. He thought we should - that we should help because it was a minority group and we should help keep them on the ballot. [] said she thought only known party people should be involved. She didn't think [] whom they don't know and the [] should attend - only those people the S.L.P. knew were Communists should attend.

"There was some discussion on this - VIC wanted to know how we felt about supporting someone who attacked the Soviet Union as they had in the past. [] had questions about their program. [] said she'd like to know what their proposed program was before she lent her support - she knew what it had been in the past.

[] said she thought we should support them because they were a minority group. [] thought they should support them.

[] raised the question of supporting them just because they were a minority."

[] clarified it a little saying it was a situation somewhat like our not supporting all Smith Act Victims in the beginning - then later being faced with it ourself. He thought we should support them not just because they were a minority, but because they were (up till now) on the ballot. They were subject to the same pressures we were ourselves. Told that [] son had been questioned too. But also that it is our policy to work with all Socialist Groups and this might be the means of working with them and getting their support later on something.

"It was put to a vote all in favor of some people going to the meeting Thurs. night to help them stay on the ballot. With the exception of [] who made the comment, since she didn't have to go anyway she was voting against this support of (S.L.P.) just on the basis of their past programmes.

"We all had tea or coffee. [] also reported that DENNIS had said it should be our policy from now on to defend the Party against all attacks. Whether they came from Ex-Party people or otherwise. But we should defend it against all attacks no matter where they came from.

"We asked [] who gave the report from N.E. He said he did - He didn't have too much to report tho - [] asked if just he & [] went down. [] said no there were three - Himself, [] []

"On the next meeting - the question of place came up. [] said he didn't think they should go to the [] had told it was known that they [] attended a party in Beverly.

[] said to [] - you know that conversation we had - I can't ever remember [] being at my house. [] said not [] the [] said she had misunderstood him [] She said she remembered the party for [] and also that at that party they had invited [] and at the time [] had told several people that night that [] hadn't been able to come because the airforce was investigating him. She recalled that at about that time [] had wanted some shingles repaired on the house he bought and had asked [] to do it. They had talked it over and decided if [] was being investigated by the airforce they didn't want anything to do with him. Also at about the same time [] was after [] to paint the trim on her house and she [] had tried to ring [] in on the job because she felt that if [] should do it they could safely do it too - The result was no one did it."

[] said probably the F.B.I. had some information on the [] but no proof as we hadn't had a stooge on the North Shore. Since the [] were becoming active in the Dem. Party - he didn't think we should hold meetings at their house. Also because [] was in a union and it could mean his job. [] made the comment - that what they (F.B.I.) did was usually get someone in your neighborhood to keep watch on your house. And she didn't think it good to have company of all ages coming to the house the way they did. Also she didn't think they should attend so many Boston affairs - especially []

"On holding elections - which [] suggested for a new Chairman and possibly delegate to the D. C. - this was put over for another meeting.

"Around the business of security. This was the reason they questioned allowing [] back into the party. [] saying that he'd [] have to let [] know whenever he went to a meeting and where it was. They didn't want to be in a position like that where [] would know too much of what was going on. Everyone agreed we shouldn't do anything about it until [] came back. [] thought he'd be staying a month longer than he had planned.

[] said [] had asked him how [] knew that [] had taken her to Revere the day of [] Party. He said he had told her - [] had told them all when he got in the car with them.

"Later I overheard [] tell [] that he stopped at the [] and they had told him the reason [] wanted to come back to the party was because we had some spies around here. [] thought they were [] because how did [] know [] took her to Revere. [] said 'I told her she was crazy. [] had told me all where she was, how she got there and that she'd already be at [] party when we got there'."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: 6/23/58

FROM : SA ROBERT C. BURNS (1260)

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	Positive	Tentative	Positive	Tentative	Pos.	Ten.	Pos.	Ten.
Bronx (12-10)	18	7	-6	-0	12	-7	327	38
Kings (12-11)	16	4	-1	-8	17	-4		
Kings (12-12)	8	1	-1	-6	7	-5		
Kings							451	45
Queens (12-13)	2	0	-4	-1	6	-1	264	18
New York (12-14)	6	3	-5	-5	1	-2		
New York (12-15)	12	1	-1	-4	11	3		
New York							481	56
Nassau (7-4)		No breakdown						
Richmond (7-4)		No breakdown						
Westchester (7-4)		No breakdown						
7-4	3	0	-1	-1	2	-1	92	5
Industrial 12-0	24	5	4	-2	28	3	233	33
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Pending			-1				1	
Totals	89	21			83	-6	184	9 195

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TO: NY

Identity of Source:

[Redacted] who has
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Description of info:

Info re: CUBA UNREST
LEADS TO DISCUSSION OF CIL
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Date Received:

6/18/53

Received by:

SA [Redacted] (initials)

Original location:

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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- 1 - NY [Redacted] (initials) (7-3)
- 1 - NY (100-107174) (CUBA UNREST)
- 1 - NY (100-12454) (CUBA UNREST) (7-3)
- 1 - NY (100-12454) (CUBA UNREST) (7-3)
- 1 - NY (100-12454) (CUBA UNREST AND DISCUSSION) (7-3)
- 1 - NY (100-12454) (CUBA UNREST) (7-3)
- 1 - NY (100-12454) (CUBA UNREST) (7-3)
- 1 - NY (100-12454) (CUBA UNREST) (7-3)
- 1 - NY (100-12454) (CUBA UNREST) (7-3)

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NY 100-4431

June 17, 1957

On May 1, 1956, at the New York Ballroom, Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, was painted out by Harry Dexter, at that time a member of the Young International Alliance. Dexter noted that one had been a member of the Communist Party for 12 years.

Harry Dexter is to be inducted into the Socialist Workers Party on June 18, 1957.

The C.I. Bureau's attention was called to Dexter's past criticism of the C.P. This remark was made by Dexter in 1954. It was brought to the Bureau's attention that Dexter was a member of the C.P. Party.

C.I. Bureau's conception of a new party group, on 9/18/57, cannot be classified, nor can his ideas as to how the organization be unified be explained. The C.I. Bureau had no knowledge of the group's plans and his association in the new group was not admitted association with a political organization (name) was unknown.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-127430)

6/23/58

FROM : SA J. WILMER MIRANDON

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Identity of source [REDACTED]

Description of info

Conversation about
condition of CP with
[REDACTED]

Date Received

6/5/58

Received by

SA J. WILMER MIRANDON

Original located

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Paraphrase info in order to protect informant
who is in a position to furnish reliable info.

1-NY [REDACTED] (CIFU) (Inves.) (12-0)
1-NY (100-127420) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-134982) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-128812) (CP, NYS, Political Activities) (7-6)
1-NY (100-80638) (CP, USA, membership) (7-5)
1-NY (100-87211) (CP, USA Factionalism) (7-5)
1-NY (100-63720) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-59643) [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-26603-Sub C 1920) (Westside Section CP) (12-15)
1-NY (100-107111) (Sobell Committee) (7-1)
1-NY (100-133090) (Nuclear Test Protest) (7-1)
1-NY (100-119488) [REDACTED] (7-2)
1-NY (100-120172) [REDACTED] N.M. 5:10⁰⁰, 190, 38) (see
memo [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-127430) [REDACTED] (12-15)

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Event; [redacted] Home
Place [redacted]
Time: 7:00 PM
Date Tues - 6-3-58

Present - [redacted]

Arrived about 7:PM Greeted by [redacted]

[redacted] protested the condition of Camp Wingdale today and stated that the whole deal should be expose and changed. This is what wrong with the C.P. today because certain leaders such as Gates has turn their backs and feel that they can walk hand in hand with the Capitalist powers. Berry, Gates and many others are fools and did everything to completely destroy the C.P. here in America. Whole groups were disbanded and there are only 7800 CP members in the U.S. today. Recruiting was even discontinued and young C.P's. failed in the movement. He told how Gates came to power and why these men changed. The core for a good, strong CP must be developed from the 7800 members now. They got to be taught. The worker the paper that Gates and Company ruined must change the slant of the editorials and follow the old format, an all out membership drive must start and young blood must be brought in and develop. Adam Powell must be re-elected but the man is lousey and not good but it is an issue. [redacted] stated that the people fear the FBI and you even know when they are around for example she said, "you might be one yourself Warren for all I know but, I don't give a damn, but I know you not." She told Warren

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how they both like him because he is smart and thinks. And she was goint to teach him all about the Marxist Theory and make him a good Marxist.

After dinner they left for [] house to discuss the plans for a party 6/21/58 to honor the death of the Rosenbergs.

After arriving at [] house, [] greeted [] [] The plans were gone over for the party and the Committee was formed. [] was put in charge of taping the music. [] were contacted for ideas. [] stated that this is the beginning of an upper West Side Sobell Committee.

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[] mention that she and [] were in Washington, D.C. Sun 6/1/58 for the protest against Nuclear tests, at the White House

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-118525)(#7)
FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#12-10)
SUBJECT: BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
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Identity of Source [REDACTED]

Reliability

Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Date of Activity

6/2/58

Date Received

6/4/58

Agent Receiving

SA [REDACTED]

Location [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED] Personal Attention) (INV) (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-132678 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-115212 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-89179 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-135170 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - [REDACTED] (Adm.) (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-135246 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-133566 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-77598 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-133486 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-90565 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-89011 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-73561 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-99195 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
1 - NY 100-97078 (Socialist Worker's Party; NY Local) (#7)
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership and Recruiting) (#7)
1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA, Political Activities) (#7)
1 - NY 100-107419 (EMergency Civil Liberties Committee) (#7)
1 - NY 100-118525

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On 6/4/58, [] orally furnished to SA [] a report which consisted of three pages of information concerning a meeting of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee held on 6/2/58 at [] NY.

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If this information is disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be carefully paraphrased to conceal the source's identity.

A copy of this report follows:

6/4/58

On Monday 6/2/58 a regular meeting of the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee was held at apartment [] N.Y.

There were approximately 16 persons present at this meeting. They were as follows: []

[] for the educational class held after the regular Bronx Civil Liberties Committee meeting. The regular meeting was taken up with making arrangements for the coming picnic and the event on 6/16/58 to be held at the Hunts Point Palace.

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[] stated that he was a communist and several times throughout the evening he referred to himself as as a Communist. The question of Co existence was discussed by [] stated that co existence was possible with all organizations except the Trotskyites - [] stated that the Communist Party could increase their membership and support from the Public and working class by running Political candidates in local elections.

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Discussion was opened on the subject of Powell versus Brown in the coming congressional race in Harlem.

[] stated that he was not in accord with supporting either Powell or Brown as they both are Red-baiters.

[] spent more than one half of an hour defining Trotskyites and their opposition to the Communist Party.

[] stated that the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee had sent an invitation to [] to to attend the coming rally sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee on 6/16/58 at the Hunts Point Palace. This Rally is to agitate against the Jenner-Butler Bill (S2646).

The meeting was then adjourned.

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DATE: 6/24/58

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C40) (#12-10)
FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#12-10)
SUBJECT: BRONX COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY
IS - C

Identity of Source [REDACTED]

Reliability

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Date of Activity

6/3/58

Date Received

6/5/58

Agent Receiving

SA [REDACTED]

Location

On 6/5/58, [REDACTED] furnished a three page type-written report dated 6/4/58 containing information of a North East Section meeting of the Bronx County CP held at 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, New York on 6/3/58.

If this information is disseminated outside of the Bureau it should be carefully paraphrased to conceal the source's identity.

A copy of this report follows:

- 1 - [REDACTED] (Personal Attention) (INV) (#12-10)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C1945 (North East Section, Bronx County CP) (#12-10)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA Membership and Recruiting) (#7)
- 1 - NY 100-106964 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
- 1 - NY 100-80633 (CP, USA, Education) (#7)
- 1 - NY 100-102619 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Affairs) (#7)
- 1 - NY 100-17923 (JOHN GATES) (#7)
- 1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] Short, W, M, 5', thin eye glasses, crooked teeth, per source)
- 1 - NY 100-13447 [REDACTED] (#7)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism) (#7)
- 1 - NY 100-133481 [REDACTED] (#12-10)
- 1 - NY 105-18272 [REDACTED] (#7)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C40

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6-4-58

On June 3rd, 1958 at the Allerton Avenue Community Center at 683 Allerton Avenue in the Bronx there was held a section meeting of the North East Bronx Communist Party.

About thirtyfive persons were present in the hall. At 9:00 P.M. the meeting was called together by the educational chairman of the Communist party section, Howard Feinstein. He stated that the subject of this meeting would be education.

The speaker was Alberto Moreau a member of the section who started out by discussing what was wrong with youth. He said that the properganda of capitalism as well as the prosperity of the last fifteen years had kept many youth away from progressive ideas. Also juvenile delinquentilism which he characterized as worldwide, even admitting its existence in the Soviet Union. He stated that this was a result of the dislocations caused by the last war.

He went on to mention certain improvements in the situation. Youth had taken part in the recent peace and anti bomb movements. The disaussion of marxism was taking place in many colleges and youth groups. The only college specifically mentioned was City College.

Moreau closed with the statement that the renegade John Gates had taken many of those in the thirty to forty year group with him when he left the Communist Party.

In the discussion that followed a comrade who was addressed as Sam a short man about five feet tall thin with glasses and crooked teeth in the fifties got up and blamed the corruption of youth as the reason why so few of them were communists.

Sam Nesin then refuted this by blaming youth's disenchantment with Communism on sectarianism and the revisionism.

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ists. Mrs. Nesin then asked how anything could be done with divisions in the leadership of the Communist Party.

Dora Zeibel got up and stated that the young persons who had left the Communist Party were corrupted by Capitalism. The fancy cars and expensive houses. There was no hope of regaining them and The communist Party should concentrate on recruiting the youths.

Howard Feinstein said the best way to attract the youth would be to set up activities such as dances at the community center and then draw them into Communist Party activities. He recommended that the members read up on the the subject. The books he mentioned were Adler, "What We need in Our Schools" and White, "The Organization Man",

Moreau closed the meeting stating that the leadership was uniting itself and attacked the corruption of those who had left the Communist Party. He stated half the members in the Bronx belong to this Section. Thus being 70 members of the section. He was particularly angry at those former functionaries who were demanding severance pay. He mentioned that an ultimatum had been delivered to the ultra leftist group within the Communist Party. This was refuted by Sam Nesin who said this was not true. Hewas about to read the resolution of the State Committee of the Communist Party on sectarianism but he was prevented by Dora Zeibel who proposed that the resolution be first turned over to the Section Committee of Northeast Bronx Communist Party. This was approved without discussion and the meeting closed.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]
FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON

DATE: 6/24/58

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED] (who has furnished reliable information in the past)	5/26/58 District Board	5/27/58	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

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For assistance in reviewing report, a number in parentheses () following a name or title set forth below will indicate that there is a reference to that name or title on the page or pages whose number will be enclosed in the parentheses. Where no number is set out, it is suggested that the entire report be reviewed for information on the subject matter.

[REDACTED]
The letter from BEN DAVIS to [REDACTED] referred to on page 4 of the following report was furnished to SA ROBERT C. NORTON by [REDACTED] on 6/1/58. The original letter and envelope were photostated by SA NORTON on 6/1/58 and the originals returned to [REDACTED] that date who initialled the photostats at that time to indicate they were identical with the originals. The photostats are being retained in [REDACTED]

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BALTIMORE, MD.
JUNE 24, 1958

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cc's:

1 - Cleveland (REGISTERED MAIL)
100- HYMAN LUMER (9)

1 - Newark (REGISTERED MAIL)
100- MEMBERSHIP (8)

2 - Philadelphia (REGISTERED MAIL)
100- [REDACTED]
100- MEMBERSHIP (8)

1 - Pittsburgh (REGISTERED MAIL)
100- MEMBERSHIP (8)

3 - Washington Field (REGISTERED MAIL)
100- ORGANIZATION, MARYLAND - D.C.
100- FACTIONALISM (5)
100- [REDACTED]

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(11) New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
100- BEN DAVIS (4)
100- PAUL ROBESON (4)
100- [REDACTED]
100- JAMES JACKSON (7)
100- ARNOLD JOHNSON (8)
100- ORGANIZATION, CP, USA (8,10)
100- EUGENE DENNIS (8)
100- ROBERT THOMPSON (8)
100- ORGANIZATION, NEW YORK (8)
100- MEMBERSHIP (8)
100- FUNDS (9)

45- Baltimore

100-12464 ORGANIZATION, MARYLAND - D.C.
100-4090 BALTIMORE DIVISION, MARYLAND - D.C.
100-12125 PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS (1-7,9)
100-17819 BALTIMORE NORTHWEST CP CLUB (2,3,5)
100-11950 STEEL CLUB, MARYLAND D.C. (2,3)
100-12510 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY (3,5)
100-12458 FACTIONALISM (3,5,6,8,9)
100-12244 EDUCATION (3)
100-12070 SECURITY MEASURES (4,9)
100-12459 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (5)
100-12485 NEGRO QUESTION (5)
100-11640 FUNDS (5-7,9,10)
100-Dead COMMITTEE TO DISTRIBUTE PAUL ROBESON BOOK (7)
100-11800 BRIEF FILE (1,10)

cc's:

45- Baltimore (cont'd)

100-10975

100-12412

100-10584

100-12076

GEORGE MEYERS

100-13300

100-13280

100-7697

100-10995

100-11031

100-12175

100-15185

100-11562

100-1560

BEN DAVIS (4)

100-20853

PAUL ROBESON (4,6)

100-

100-12598

100-11386

100-10395

100-12490

100-764

100-18823

100-18683

100-18684

100-15298

100-14379

JAMES JACKSON (7)

100-13347

ARNOLD JOHNSON (8)

100-12871

100-3021

EUGENE DENNIS (8)

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ROBERT THOMPSON (8)

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"Baltimore, Maryland
May 27, 1958

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The following report concerns a CP District Board meeting for the CP District which includes Maryland and Washington, D. C., which took place May 26, 1958, at Baltimore, Maryland, at the home of [REDACTED] District Board member. In addition to [REDACTED] District Board members, were present, together with GEORGE MEYERS, Acting Chairman for the District.

[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] brought out a leaflet and transcript of a hearing which concerned the American Airlines and the union to which [REDACTED] belonged. [REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] had been discharged following his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in May of 1957 and had sued the company and union for reinstatement on his job. [REDACTED] was successful in his suit and in addition to being reinstated, had collected back wages in the amount of about \$6,000.00.

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Everybody present indicated they were happy with the verdict.

MEYERS then said that the agenda for the evening would concern first, [REDACTED] giving a report on CP activities in Northwest; second, a report by [REDACTED] on the last Steel Club meeting; third, [REDACTED]

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report on sales of PAUL ROBESON's book; and fourth, a report by MEYERS on CP activities in general.

[redacted] then said that a meeting had been held in the CP Northwest Section of Baltimore the past week with nine people in attendance, and the recently prepared CP District Board leaflet on the economic crisis in Maryland distributed among the nine and accepted by them. [redacted] said all in attendance spoke highly of the District Board leadership, and that a discussion had been held concerning the general economic situation.

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[redacted] said that she felt satisfied with the meeting and believed that [redacted] was coming around to the point of view of the leadership. She also commented that [redacted] appeared to be ready to become more active in CP work.

[redacted] said that five PAUL ROBESON books had been sold at the meeting and that the book had been discussed. All present at the meeting said they would assist in selling the book.

[redacted] said that a steel meeting had been held recently, the main topic of discussion being the fact that [redacted] was running for the position of Zone Committeeman. [redacted] said that [redacted] were having differences because [redacted] Negro caucus wanted to support the men opposing [redacted] said that [redacted] was bitter because he felt he had always supported the Negroes in union affairs. [redacted] said it was finally agreed that [redacted] would attend a meeting of the Negro caucus which was to be held May 25, 1958. [redacted] mentioned at this point that he had not as yet received a report on this particular meeting.

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[redacted] said that it was also agreed at the Steel Club meeting that such meetings would in the future be held about every two weeks and would include an educational session of about 45 minutes at each meeting.

[redacted] indicated that he expected to broaden the Steel Club activity and bring in more members.

At this point MEYERS said that the Steel Club should

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bring [redacted] into their group and although they probably would not get him to attend too many Steel Club meetings, MEYERS was sure that [redacted] would accept CP literature and carry on some type of CP activity.

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[redacted] then gave a report on the sales of the PAUL ROBESON book, indicating that 78 out of 100 books had already been distributed. [redacted] pointed out that numerous contacts had been made with Negroes concerning this book and for the purpose of setting up a Negro committee to sell the books, and that a meeting of this committee would be held May 28, 1958.

[redacted] then mentioned that he had not been very successful concerning a discussion with BEN DAVIS concerning the PAUL ROBESON book and plans for bringing ROBESON to Baltimore during the time that he had been in New York City the weekend of May 17-18, 1958. [redacted] added, however, that he had recently received a letter from DAVIS indicating that DAVIS had not made the appointment in New York because of illness in the family.

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[redacted] then said that he was compiling a list of prominent Negroes in Baltimore and wanted to talk to BEN DAVIS and [redacted] about someone in New York contacting these people.

MEYERS then stated that the CP District had a task in front of them which consisted mainly of getting the Party to move in the area and indicated that the District had to work in a much more organized manner. MEYERS pointed out that one of the first questions that had to be resolved was the individuals who had been kicked out of the CP and branded stool pigeons. He then mentioned [redacted]

MEYERS said that each person branded as an informant would have to be handled individually, and after discussion by the complete District Board and District Committee they could be accepted back into the CP with full District Board and District Committee approval.

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MEYERS then pointed out that [redacted] had visited his home recently. MEYERS said that he had not known [redacted] before this meeting but understood that [redacted] after getting out of the Army,

[redacted]

had been screened from his job and had asked the CP to give him a statement to the effect that he was not a CP member. MEYERS said as a result of this action CP members had become suspicious of [redacted] MEYERS said both [redacted] had been instructed to "lay low" by [redacted] after MEYERS had gone to prison and they had been more or less inactive since that period.

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MEYERS then said that he felt the CP had to play a great role in the coming general elections and had points for argument concerning the economic situation, the labor situation in general, and the cause of the Negro.

MEYERS then said with regard to the PAUL ROBESON book, he felt that more books should be ordered. He also indicated that he was pleased with the [redacted] report on the Northwest Section. MEYERS also indicated that he was pleased with the situation in the new Steel Club in general but felt that [redacted] should be careful concerning a possible split between [redacted]

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At this point MEYERS said that he did not know what was taking place in the District of Columbia. He said that a recent visit had been cancelled for the second time in a row and it appeared to him that the people in the District of Columbia did not want to engage in Party activities. MEYERS said [redacted] was upset about the situation but did not want to discuss the matter with MEYERS until he had determined what the CP members in Washington, D. C., planned. MEYERS concluded by saying that he did not know whether the people in the District of Columbia were backing the right revisionists or the Ultra-Left group.

[redacted] then asked whether any money had been received through sales of the ROBESON book. [redacted] replied that he had received \$17.00 out of the 78 books sold. [redacted] then asked where the money was held, and [redacted] pointed out that he had the \$17.00 but that collection had not been made for the other 61 books sold.

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[redacted] then said that the District funds were running low, and that money was needed and pointed out that [redacted]

[] should keep a check on the books distributed. [] then replied that he knew that he was responsible for the sale of the books but that he had not received cooperation from some of the individuals to whom he had distributed the books. He then pointed out that the District Board members had handled distribution of some of the books and he had not as yet received a report from []

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[] then replied that she had to admit that she had not kept records. [] then said that her failure to keep records was negligence and pointed out that three weeks earlier he had asked questions concerning the amount of CP literature in general sold and money received and had not as yet received a clear answer to his questions.

[] then pointed out that so far as the PAUL ROBESON books were concerned, that on the first day 100 books had been received. Of these 100, [] had received 10, [] 5, MEYERS 15, [] 10, [] had taken 8 to be brought to [] kept 7 others to be distributed by [] said he had notes at home concerning this distribution. He then again asked [] for a report from her on the 10 books she had received.

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[] replied that she had sold 5, and that she had not received money as yet for 4 of the 5 sold.

MEYERS then said of the 15 he had received most of them had been distributed but he had only received \$3.00.

[] then asked [] whether he had received any money for the 5 books that he had given to [] [] replied that he had not as yet received any money.

[] then stated that he had given [] 15 copies of the book that same day, and that with only 22 books left, he felt they should order more books.

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[] agreed that the books had to be pushed but felt that with the present low financial situation of the District fund [] should try to get a return on the money as rapidly as possible.

[] then started to tell [] how to run the

[redacted]

ROBESON campaign for the sale of the books, and [redacted] became angry, pointing out that he was responsible for the campaign and stated that if the District Board was dissatisfied, he felt that another should be appointed to his position. [redacted] then pointed out that the committee he was setting up was in line with the social committee which had been recommended by JAMES JACKSON when the latter visited Baltimore in 1957, and that this committee would serve not only to sell books but could also eventually be used to rebuild the Party.

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MEYERS then indicated that he sided with [redacted] and an argument followed during which [redacted] stated that if the CP was in financial distress, they should call off reorders of the book. It was finally decided by MEYERS that regardless of the financial situation the books had to be sold and that reorders of the book would have to be made.

[redacted] then suggested that [redacted] ascertain from his committee the number of books they thought they could sell and bring that number to the District Board which they would use as a basis for reordering.

[redacted] then said that he understood that [redacted] had made an agreement with GEORGE MEYERS whereby [redacted] would keep 40¢ on each book sold. MEYERS denied having made such an agreement, and [redacted] finally stated that he would see [redacted] privately and that if [redacted] had such an understanding with MEYERS, [redacted] would arrange for [redacted] and MEYERS to settle the thing privately.

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The District Board then agreed that none of the persons selling the book should obtain a profit.

MEYERS then took out some literature which he said the national leadership had sent to him. Part of this consisted of forms which pertained to District dues, membership and subscriptions to The Worker. MEYERS gave these forms to [redacted]

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MEYERS then gave [redacted] a mimeographed report consisting of several pages. He asked her to read it and give a discussion on the material contained in the report

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at the next meeting.

MEYERS then read in part a letter which he said had been prepared by ARNOLD JOHNSON. This letter indicated that there would be a peace march on Washington, D. C., which was to pass through the Baltimore area sometime around June 1, 1958. JOHNSON wanted the District Board members to arrange for accommodations for some of the marchers in the event they stayed in Baltimore overnight during the march.

MEYERS then asked [redacted] to give a report on the Eastern Regional Conference meeting which took place in New York, May 17-18, 1958.

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At this point [redacted] interrupted, saying that she had had a discussion with [redacted] the previous weekend and [redacted] had given her 500 unstamped envelopes which the Party was to use for mailing.

At this point the group went to the kitchen for coffee at about 11:15 PM.

[redacted] then gave a report on the CP Eastern Regional Conference meeting mentioned above. He stated that the report given by ARNOLD JOHNSON on the 17th and the report given by EUGENE DENNIS on the 18th had both been prepared by ROBERT THOMPSON. [redacted] said that delegates at the Conference had come from Connecticut, Brooklyn, Boston, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. [redacted] commented that the CP member who had used the blackboard for his talk and who had written the numbers "900" and "670" was an industrial worker and was referring to the industrial situation in New York. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] in Philadelphia had stated that there were 270 members registered in Pennsylvania. LEE stated that MARTHA from New Jersey had indicated that there were 170 members registered in New Jersey.

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As [redacted] was giving these figures, MEYERS interrupted angrily, saying that figures meant nothing.

[redacted] then went on and finished his report on the

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Conference.

[redacted] told the group that he had never seen a blackboard report before attending the Eastern Regional Conference meeting.

MEYERS then stated that he disagreed with that type of report although it had been used a great deal by the Party recently. MEYERS said he thought it "scared the hell" out of the rank and file members.

MEYERS then asked whether any money had been spent by [redacted] in excess of the \$50.00. [redacted] and [redacted] replied that no excess money was needed.

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MEYERS then asked whether [redacted] had obtained the \$20.00 due the District. [redacted] replied that he had spoken to HYMAN LUMER who knew nothing of the money. MEYERS then said that the \$20.00 was owed to the District as a result of a bill which had been paid for leaflets printed in New York for the District, and that when he had paid for the printing, the national leadership had no change. MEYERS said that he would obtain the \$20.00 on his next New York visit.

It was then agreed that [redacted] would each receive \$10.00 for the loss of a day's pay during the time they had spent at the Conference. [redacted] then paid [redacted] \$10.00 apiece.

[redacted] \$17.00 which he had received through the sale of the ROBESON books and \$1.50 which he had received from [redacted] 50¢ for initiation and \$1.00 for his June dues.

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[redacted] then gave [redacted] 100 envelopes for mailing CP literature and \$3.00 for stamps. She gave [redacted] 50 envelopes and \$2.00 for stamps.

MEYERS pointed out that all mail sent out should have the return P. O. Box 1011, Baltimore 3, Maryland, on it.

MEYERS then asked [redacted] to check P. O. Box 1011 at

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the end of the week.

MEYERS then said that he had expenses as follows:

\$10.00	for mailing
\$ 5.00	for a cake which he brought to [redacted]
\$15.00	for a floral for [redacted]
\$ 5.00	for miscellaneous phone calls
\$ 3.00	for general miscellaneous expenses

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[redacted] paid MEYERS the \$38.00 for his total expenses though at the time she indicated that she was worried about the financial situation of the fund.

MEYERS, [redacted] left about Midnight.

While [redacted] was talking to [redacted] on the porch, MEYERS told [redacted] in a private conversation that [redacted] had given a very bad report on the Eastern Regional Conference, and that if [redacted] attended national meetings in the future and had to give a report to the District upon his return, he should not tell the group of things which had gone badly at the national meetings. MEYERS said that the report should be given in a manner which expressed how the representative giving the report felt they should be rather than as he actually saw the events occur.

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MEYERS and [redacted] then left about 12:15 AM."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-7908)
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
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DATE: June 25, 1958

From : [REDACTED]
Concealment and Reliability : T- , who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date and Description : Meeting, District Committee, Communist Party, USA, New England District, 5/25/58, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Date Received : 5/27/58 (orally)
Acknowledged 6/6/58
Received by : SA [REDACTED]
Location: : [REDACTED]

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In view of the sensitivity of this Informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this Informant.

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2 - Chicago (100- [REDACTED]) (CP, ORGANIZATION) (RM)
61-867 CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT (RM)
1 - Detroit (100- [REDACTED]) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
6 - Los Angeles (100- [REDACTED]) (CP, MEMBERSHIP) (RM)
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Informant's report, dated May 27, 1958, follows:

"May 27, 1958

"A meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party was held on Sunday, May 25, 1958, at the home of [redacted] Massachusetts.

Those attending follows:

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MIKE RUSSO

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ARNOLD JOHNSON from New York

Also at home but not participating in the meeting was [redacted]

[redacted] was Chairman. A tentative agenda was set up as follows: Report from the Eastern Seaboard Conference; Question of Peace, and a Report from the New Bedford area. Report from the Eastern Seaboard Conference was in two parts, (1) Party Consolidation; (2) Elections.

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[redacted] gave the report on the Eastern Seaboard Conference. This was by consent of the other two delegates who attended, [redacted] and MIKE RUSSO. They had picked [redacted] to give the report. [redacted] at this time spoke on the part of the Conference that had to do with Elections.

"He reported that at the Eastern Seaboard Conference it was stated that the matter of Peace warranted our most important activity and concern. He said that there were certain remnants of factionalism in existence at the Seaboard Conference, but that altogether the situation was more optimistic than it had been. He said the report given by DENNIS at the Eastern Seaboard Conference brought out that the two main issues that the Party

"would have to concern itself with were unemployment and the question of peace, including among other things the banning of the H bomb.

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"Continuing, [] reported that in New Jersey there was a split within the Democratic Party, and that in New York there had been an attack on Representative POWELL. He said that EUGENE DENNIS projected the idea at the Conference of the negro people having their own party, and that according to DENNIS it would be necessary for us to develop an anti-monopoly peoples coalition based on labor within the present two party setup, keeping in mind eventually the possibility of building a third party from this anti-monopoly coalition. He said that our work within a political organization, such as the Democratic or the Republican Party-- that we have comrades within both groups -- should be directed toward developing the contradiction between labor and monopoly. [] reported that BOB THOMPSON was supposed to give the speech, but because of his absence as the result of illness, DENNIS spoke in his place.

[] reported that in New York in the Manhattan area they had 600 industrial workers in the Party.

"When [] was through giving his report, the other delegates were asked to comment and add to it.

[] spoke next. He reported that the new thing that developed at that Conference was our role in the Democratic Party. He said it was a different role, that we say the same thing only in a different way. He stated that we had to conscientiously force the realignment of a new party and push issues to force a new alignment within the Democratic Party. He said also that the left had clarified its position in regard to elections -- that is, the Socialist ticket. He brought out the fact that the Trotskyites had been able to influence some of the 'National Guardian' readers in regard to a united Socialist front.

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[] said that this was a diversionary tactic on the part of the Socialist Workers Party and it was recognized as such by the Trotskyites. [] reported that we should get in wherever possible and work with them, that we should fight in the left for our own position instead of letting the Trotskyites take over by default. He

"repeated that what we have to do is to get in there and fight for our own position within the left.

[] said that STEVE NELSON had reported at the Conference that he had been invited to sit in with the Socialist Workers Party for a discussion but that he had not gone. NELSON said that later he was invited to attend a meeting of nine steel workers from the Socialist Workers Party and because they were steel workers NELSON attended this meeting. NELSON reported that in discussing different issues with the nine steel workers they felt that STEVE's position on the Soviet question was better."

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(Although not specifically mentioned, Informant gained the impression that this meeting was held in New York.)

"RUSSO was asked to comment. RUSSO said that because the report given by DENNIS at the Conference had been read, he asked DENNIS whether it was DENNIS' report or BOB THOMPSON's report. He said that DENNIS became a bit flustered over the question and did not answer. MIKE said he would have to challenge DENNIS' report in its over-all leftist impetus. He stated it was a departure from the coalition concept developed at the Sixteenth Convention and that it did not really examine possibilities of realignment. MIKE said that in so far as he was concerned, labor was still developing its influence. He believed, too, that unemployment and peace were going to be very important issues and sufficient to confine ourselves to. He felt that it was a degeneration of the policy of getting ourselves out of isolation that they had tried to develop at the Sixteenth Convention, and that DENNIS' report was really the old way of doing things.

[] made the comment that the United States is not recognized by the masses in the country as an imperialist country. He said there are a lot of labor candidates who sold themselves out and that some of the undue influence on these candidates was the result of our not working within the Democratic Party.

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[] reported that as a result of talking to people in his union he felt that there was a growing possibility that they are recognizing the United States as an imperialist country because of their lack of resentment regarding the action against NIXON in South America.

"He also said that part of our job was to get workers in the Democratic Party and to encourage all labor candidates.

[] in commenting in particular on DENNIS' projection of the possibility of a negro party as a third party, stated in contemplating anything like that you were faced with first resolving the problem wherein you have northern negroes who refuse to be identified with southern negroes, and East Indian negroes who do not want to be identified with either of the other two groups. She said that even though the three groups are faced with the same problem, you are still faced with this division. She said this was real segregation which they have created for themselves, and asked the question, 'Wouldn't it be much better to unify the differences before we start talking about a negro party?'. b6 b7C

[] said he felt there were definite classes within the negro population. He wanted to know what basis or ground they had for a negro led third party, and whether the negro people themselves had created such an idea. He said we should find out if this was something the negro people wanted.

[] made the comment that the negro people were not content with the slow legislation taking place for their rights, especially the negro youth, and that there was a growing Muslim movement, particularly in New York. [] sitting next to [] at the time, commented aside that this was a very dangerous movement, this Muslim movement. b6 b7C

"BEN said he felt that the question of imperialism was something that the average individual in the United States did not have a clear concept of. He said in the South and within the NAACP the negro movement was taking on the characteristics of a Ghandi movement of passive resistance.

[] also thought that in DENNIS' report the need that was not considered was the role of the individual Communist member. He said that this was something we all had to face, our role as individual members. He said that there were very few of us who weren't known as Communists in our neighborhood and he gave himself as an example. He said he was not trying to pat himself on the back, but in the town of Sharon where he was known as a

"Communist, he was very active in Boy Scouts and also very active in the Little League. He said it was very gratifying to know that some of the mothers in town were very happy when their sons got on the team of which he was in charge. He stated that regardless of his political leanings they knew that their boys would be under a very fair coach and were always very happy when they got on his team. In organizations within the town, even though people knew the way the [] felt, knew they had been called before the Commission, they were being accepted as individuals. He said that we had to stand up and say to people, 'I believe in socialism,' and then tell them why. He repeated that he felt that in DENNIS' report there was a lack of discussion of the role of the individual member.

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[] commented that regardless of all the differences of opinion about the Conference, we had to admit there was some unanimity around the issue of peace. She said we should also recognize the fact that there had been some progress made on the issue of unemployment. She mentioned that in Boston there has been a stand taken on banning the H bomb tests and that some of the comrades had a hand in backing this stand. She said it was only within the unions that there had been no stand taken on peace and the banning of H bomb tests. She also announced that on June 11, 1958, the Boston people are going to have a conference where these things could be discussed more fully.

[] spoke on anti-monopoly coalition tactics. He said we should not lose sight of our objectives which, depending on the political scene, would be different in each area. He said that in some areas we would have to work within the Republican Party, and in other areas within the Democratic Party.

"[] reported that there was a definite split in Rhode Island in the Democratic Party. He said they expected some third party legislation in Rhode Island.

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[] spoke again and commented that now that the Conference had taken place, we had to develop some unified line of work, but with individual flexibility because individuals in different areas would be faced with different problems. She said that Senator KENNEDY in New England was very weak on the negro question and it might be possible within our work in the Democratic Party to pin him down on the issue.

"MIKE asked to speak again. He said he challenged a statement that EUGENE DENNIS made at a previous conference. According to MIKE, EUGENE DENNIS made the statement that the negro people were the most advanced politically in the United States. MIKE said he challenged that statement of DENNIS. He thought that labor within the United States was the most class conscious group of people. He commented on Representative POWELL and said the recent trouble involving POWELL in New York was an open and shut reprisal and an attack on civil rights. He said when you consider the amount of money, \$300 or more, that POWELL was supposed to have withheld from income taxes, then this was nothing but political reprisal.

"MIKE also stated that we had to consider labor's role in regard to the two party system. This was something we should be always aware of, to carry on the struggle against bourgeoisie ideology, to carry on the struggle within the two bourgeoisie parties. He said there were certain political ramifications between labor and capital, and out of this would develop a third party, a formal labor party.

"ARNOLD JOHNSON asked for the floor. He commented that we had gotten away from the two main issues projected at the Conference, that we had become involved in the negro question to the exclusion of such issues.

"Previous to this someone had asked about the Minority Report and ARNOLD JOHNSON reported that CARL WINTER and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had worked over the Northern Californian Resolution that was presented and from this the Minority Report developed.

"ARNOLD JOHNSON stated that 'Political Affairs' in its June issue was publishing his report on the Conference. He said he imagined there would be some cutting and alterations due to space, and other reasons, but nevertheless felt that his report would help clarify the situation a great deal. ARNOLD JOHNSON said that the projected formation of a negro party grew out of the POWELL situation. He further stated in regard to this matter that another negro candidate, BURTON, from Harlem, had made a statement that anybody in Harlem who voted against POWELL would be a traitor to the negro, and that this statement had been somewhat distorted by the New York 'Times.' This, he said, was the background of the possible formation of a negro party and why it had come up.

"JOHNSON gave us three things he felt we should keep in mind in our work in other political parties, three principles of guidance: (1) We had to watch, study, and review the total policy of our activity within an elections campaign and attempt to correct any weak spot, and when working in a campaign, whether with the Democratic or the Republican Party, we had to keep in mind always the issues and not concentrate on one thing which, as individuals we were doing, and lose track of everything else; (2) That in an election campaign we had to keep in mind the development of individual political action on labor, that we had to be aware of the fact that it was always possible to develop individual labor candidates within the particular political party, and that if we did this without watching the issues, or if we were watching the issues without this, we were not doing our total job; and (3) That regardless of our activity in the Democratic Party, Republican Party or other party, the thing we had to do was concern ourselves with the development of our own party program, and that if we did not do this along with the first two we were not doing a good job of things.

"JOHNSON said we had to watch these three things and also to be careful in becoming active in another political party that we do not lose our own identity in the Communist Party.

"JOHNSON stated that in the DENNIS' report at the Conference it was pointed out that in the main we were to concern ourselves with peace and unemployment. He said that even at this District Committee meeting we had lost sight of such issues. He said it was easy to see why and see how this happens, but on the sane nuclear policy in New Jersey some of the comrades had been able to do quite a bit of work on the thing. He stated he thought that somebody should see Senator KENNEDY on this sane nuclear policy issue.

"JOHNSON in referring to his three principles stated that, of course, some secondary issues would come about, such as attacks on labor, civil liberties and civil rights, all special issues, and we had to be aware of these. He said that while we could develop the dramatic, we had a tendency not to develop the rank and file issues. He thought we had to get away from that a little and concern ourselves with more of what affected the welfare

"of the masses. He said also we had to develop a certain perspective as to our future, that is toward developing a new party. JOHNSON also pointed out that even though we backed candidates and backed issues on a local level, it was also necessary in order to have a good perspective as to our future, to develop a little independence within these groups.

"JOHNSON then spoke on the United Socialist ticket. He said there was still the problem of the Trotskyites still being against the USSR. On this he said you could ask the question, 'How can you be for peace and still be against the USSR?' He said we should see a relationship between ourself and the independent Socialist, and not allow the Trotskyites to move in on them. He stated you have to actually think about it and establish this relationship in your own mind between you and the independent Socialist.

"JOHNSON wanted to know who was going to take the place of Senator FLANDERS who was not going to run again, and MOSE (ph) from Vermont did not have an answer for him. JOHNSON made the comment that in Rhode Island labor will have to push itself within the Democratic Party in order to get its candidates in there. JOHNSON said he felt that in Boston we were not doing enough groundwork. He also said there was an absence of any real push for labor candidates everywhere and he thought we could do some work on it. He asked whether the ADA was still active. He received the answer that it was but not very effectively. He said we should take a positive outlook and become active, not along slipshod lines but based upon the particular problem or particular issue in the area.

"At this point it was agreed that the Conference report on the 'Consolidation of the Party' should also be given by [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that we were not yet over the hump, that in some areas there were still a few membership trials in process or to be faced. He said that 26 Southern Californians had left the Party. He also said a group of ultra left people in New York were thinking seriously of leaving the Party.

[] stated that by February there had been 3,000 people registered in the United States, and that by April this figure had risen to 6,000 registered members. [] said the feeling was they could double that figure.

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[] reported that on a countrywide basis there had been ten May Day meetings held. He did not elaborate on the areas where held.

[] reported that in some areas the comrades had been able to exercise some influence on situations, mentioning as an example the garment industry in New York, where, because of a bad fire, some of our trade unionists within the garment union had gotten together. He said that because of the groundwork laid at this time, several Trade Union Safety Committees were later formed with the result that they were able to put through some safety measures in the New York garment industry. He said that in Boston we are dragging our feet, that we have to get busy on our funds drive and recruit new members.

[] said there was a lack of material coming in for 'Political Affairs,' which was the reason it came out late each time. It was hoped that more people would contribute articles to 'Political Affairs.'

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[] reported the feeling was that you had to deal with anti-Party people in a firm and friendly way, and not to push them any farther away. He said that you had to deal with them reasonably and in talking with them you should do so on an ideological basis.

[] asked who the 26 people in Southern California were and of those named, I remember ARNOLD JOHNSON named [] They also made mention of someone by the name of [] who originally was from Boston as one of the twenty-six.

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[] reported that [] had resigned from her position of leadership, but was still active in her section. He said there were various other areas where people were resigning from a position of leadership but still active in their sections.

"The other two delegates were asked to comment and [] reported that 'The Worker' circulation had increased from 9,000 to 12,000; that there was no disunity over the majority and minority problems; that most Party members were still together as a Party, and that even though they took different stands on things they were still together as a Party.

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[] felt that the majority of people were in agreement with the Majority Report of the National Committee. [] said once a majority decision is reached we should all carry it out even though we may not all be in agreement.

[] posed the question that they had discussed this majority report in her club and they had some discussion on the Mass Policy of Socialism, that she did not feel that a Mass Policy of Socialism had been clarified, that she thought the National Committee should do something about that -- 'What do you mean by the Mass Policy of Socialism?'

[] stated he thought that the Party now should have some program of work. He said we should not take attacks against the Party lying down, that we should fight for the Party in every way possible.

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[] stated that there were no full-timers with the exception of some in New York and one in Chicago and that we had to raise the question of a full-timer in our district.

"ARNOLD was asked to throw some light on the Minority Report and again reported that the Minority Report had been based on the Northern Californian Resolution which was presented to the National Committee and published in 'Political Affairs.' He said this had been worked over by CARL WINTER and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and presented as a Minority Report.

[] said she felt the Majority Report had been a little dogmatic, that it tried to go backward to a former era. She thought that within the Party the right to dissent should be further clarified. She said that the Majority Report raised new ideas for discussion, that she was somewhat disturbed by it and felt it was a return to the old bureaucratic methods.

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[] commented that he had a few reservations about accepting it, that he would accept it but had certain reservations. He said we should try to be a bit more humble with people who disagreed with us, but did not like the feeling that it was a return to former bureaucracy.

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[] stated he believed in self-criticism and thought that in the past there were occasions when we should have been critical of the Soviet Union. He said he wanted to make a distinction between attack and self-criticism, and expressed the feeling that the National Committee had not clarified this particular issue in regard to the Soviet Union.

"There was a vote as to whether to accept the Majority Resolution. The vote consisted of 10 for acceptance, none against, and 2 abstentions, and [] vote for acceptance was not counted inasmuch as his status as a member of the District Committee remained unclarified. The two abstentions were []

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[] did not vote on this because she had left earlier to attend a concert in which her daughters were appearing.

[] made the comment that this was the first time we had a full District Committee meeting and the first time someone from Vermont was there."

[] advised on June 11, 1958, that in the matter of the vote for acceptance of the Majority Resolution that [] at a meeting of the North Shore Section, Communist Party, USA, New England District, held on June 2, 1958, at Peabody, Massachusetts, stated the vote was ten for acceptance, two abstentions, and one. MICHAEL A. RUSSO, voting against the Resolution. [] according to [] stated that [] was accepted and that his vote was included in the ten voting for the Resolution. Informant said [] also advised those in attendance at the Section Meeting that for the first time they had a full District Committee.)

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"At a previous District Committee meeting HOMER CHASE had been delegated to go into the New Bedford and Providence area and see what the situation was there. He was at least to leave them with the knowledge that we were going to have an organization in New Bedford. This had developed around PENHA's testifying before the HCUA.

"HOMER in his report said that there had been some very positive results from his trip. He said a great many people had lost their jobs as a result of the HCUA hearings. He stated that the situation in New Bedford was somewhat more acute than in Providence. HOMER reported that in the New Bedford area they questioned the fact that PENHA had represented himself in error, that he was not a member of the Party when he testified, and that former comrades in that area wanted to know why there had not been a public expulsion of PENHA. He said PENHA had been expelled as a Party member and had been returned to the Party at the insistence of [redacted]. Some comrades had not even been consulted about his returning to the Party; some had even begged [redacted] not to take him back, and that the Party had not even held a meeting to discuss whether he should come back or not. He thought this whole thing was a manifestation of the error of not having a disciplined, strongly led Party in order to fight imperialism, that there was substantial evidence that [redacted] had not even reported the opposition to taking PENHA back again, and that [redacted] was a remnant of the careerist element found in our ranks every once in a while. He said that [redacted] had a poor background in Springfield -- this was brought out by the comrades in New Bedford -- and that he was a real bureaucratic element in the Party. HOMER stated that when there was a chance to have some democracy in the Party [redacted] had just up and left the Party and his feeling was that [redacted] should be taken to task. He said the feeling in New Bedford was that [redacted] had been entirely responsible for PENHA's being brought back into the Party again.

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"In reporting on what had been accomplished by his trip HOMER said what he did had actually been accomplished previously by [redacted]. He reported that there were several people who wanted to stay in the Party, that some dues had been paid, but that the question of a meeting place in the area had not been resolved. He was quite sure that the Party could be re-established in the New Bedford - Fall River area. He said that in Fall River, although predominantly French-Canadian in population, the only former members were Jewish, and that these had been led by [redacted]. He saw [redacted] and [redacted] gave the impression he could not do anything there.

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"HOMER also reported that he and his family had been [redacted] able to establish better relations with the [redacted] family, but that so far such relationship was social in nature and without any real political content. In fact he said that the [redacted] had been to visit his mother, which was a step.

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"[redacted] advised HOMER that it had been her impression that his trip was for the purpose of letting people know that we were going to have an organization in New Bedford and he said, 'Oh, yes, that had been accomplished. . .,' but that there were certain things unresolved such as not being able to find a meeting place.

"The question of MIKE RUSSO was taken up. It was stated that MIKE had withdrawn his resignation from the National Committee and had withdrawn his resignation from the District Committee. There were several comments. They wanted first of all to know if MIKE had any political reasons for the action he had taken. MIKE stated that there was no political reason for his doing what he did. He said he reacted out of pure pique. He stated he had certain personal problems and was upset, but 'not because I have differences politically.' The question arose whether it was a bona fide resignation because he had not resigned properly. Previous to this HOMER had insisted that this be on the agenda and HOMER said his reasons for bringing it up were that MIKE had not made any particular niche for himself in a club and if MIKE thought about it there were certain political reasons implicated.

"BEN stated that although MIKE's action had been ill-timed it was not the action of a Communist, and that he did not feel it was entirely MIKE's fault. He said that MIKE had been sent into the District and had been in the District for only three months when he went away for five years. He said MIKE had returned during the pre-Convention discussion period and upon his return had been accused of being a full-fledged bureaucrat. BEN said that everything that had been wrong was blamed on MIKE and although we had other functionaries all personal enmity had been directed at MIKE. BEN thought that we should accept MIKE's explanation.

"[redacted] said that MIKE should think about it, and that if we thought back to the occasion when MIKE resigned, we would remember that it was during a time when on a countrywide basis there were people who were just getting

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"up and resigning. He recalled that at the time he wondered if there were any political reasons for MIKE's action.

[] recalled that MIKE at that time should have offered some self-criticism and apparently it was his, HOVAN's, remarks on self-criticism that MIKE had gotten sore about and just walked out. He said he, himself, should examine himself critically for what happened as he was partly to blame and thought at the time there were political implications in MIKE's resigning in that fashion.

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"MIKE said that perhaps there were political implications, that he had been a functionary of the Party and was faced with the problem of no job and no particular trade at which he could get a job, that he had spent his life as a political organizer within the political life of the Communist Party, and that he had certain pressures to face and new adjustments to make.

"HOMER injected that he would like some explanation as to the situation on PENHA. Why it was not handled differently. MIKE answered and said, 'Listen, I inherited the mess you had up here, and don't forget it was me from far away that dug PENHA out of the thing.' He said he had been accused of being for GATES at that meeting and that there were many many times that he had disagreed with GATES. MIKE said he did not like being put on one side or another, and did not like the purge tactics taking place now at this meeting. He said that 'out of the seven years I have been up here, don't forget that five of those years I was away.' MIKE stated that in regards to PENHA and the Hungarian and other issues, he took a stand when no one else here did. He stated, 'I would like to tell you about those seven years, there are a lot of things you people do not know about and I would like to talk about them.'

[] spoke. He said we were not for any purge but that we did have to consider some of the background of MIKE's action. The final judgment would come through MIKE's work on the National Committee, that just what type of work he did would be sort of the 'proof of the pudding.'

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[] spoke. He said he was willing to accept MIKE's point of view. He said that he had been in the area and knew some of the background and could easily understand MIKE's action in resigning.

"BEN had made a motion to accept MIKE's withdrawal of resignation to the National Committee and [] seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

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"MIKE spoke again. He said that maybe the thing he should do was to resign again from the National Committee, that he found it very difficult to accept some of the things that were going on just on an ideological basis.

[] wanted to know if MIKE, feeling as he did, could go back to the National Committee and carry out the wishes of the District Committee, and that if he could not maybe he should resign. [] said he had not been here before and did not know what was going on.

"MIKE said he was sorry but that there were a lot of things that have occurred which, in good conscience, he could not accept -- many things in direct opposition to the resolutions passed at the Sixteenth National Convention. MIKE said that although he thought he was a good Marxist, and thought he had the interest of the organization at heart, there were things he could not accept just on ideological grounds.

"ARNOLD gave him a little advice. ARNOLD said he thought that when a man was given the authority to represent a group at the National Committee level that it was always advisable to consider the wishes of the group he represented. He said MIKE had to think about it and deal with it under the whole context of leadership, that actually it was a problem of representation and leadership and that MIKE should consider it in this light. Did MIKE on resigning think about it in such terms? If not, he should have because of conscience. ARNOLD said that MIKE must realize that he represented a group of people back home and did not always represent himself as an individual up there.

[] said that although she had never taken issue with HOMER, he should be able to remember that at our Convention he made the comment that the same old gang had gone in. HOMER disagreed with her, and said that it was his brother,

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[] who made such statement. HOMER suggested that if MIKE felt the way he did it would be good for MIKE if MIKE took a six months' leave of absence.

[] wanted something clarified for her. She said that inasmuch as MIKE had been elected to the National Committee by the Convention she wanted to know whether the District Committee had the right to relieve him of his position as a National Committee member, or whether this was something for the Convention to do. ARNOLD JOHNSON said he thought the District Committee had the right to act in MIKE's case based on his knowledge that where there had been resignations from the National Committee such positions had been refilled by the District Committees concerned.

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"[] commented that the Convention constitution had never clarified this issue, that it had never been resolved.

"BEN withdrew his motion and suggested we table this discussion. MIKE then asked for an opportunity to tell about the last seven years because, 'You people just don't know what happened up here.' It was finally agreed that we hold a special meeting on June 15 around the question of leadership. It was further agreed that MIKE be given the opportunity to talk about the last seven years and clear the air at this special meeting, with no action to be taken until MIKE had an opportunity to get everything off his chest.

"It was stated that on June 7 and 8 there would be a conference for Boston Party people only on drafting a trade union program.

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"Following the meeting, []
[] said they had to be in Sharon at eight o'clock and did not think they would make it.

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[] back to []
[] house, and in the meantime at []
house, MIKE pinned ARNOLD JOHNSON from New York down and asked him if he could be up here at the special meeting on June 15. ARNOLD said he did not know whether he could or not and MIKE said, 'I want you to be up here.' []
said he had to be in Pennsylvania the next weekend and the following weekend he had something else on, but if it was that important, he would be at the meeting for MIKE.

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[] had to pick up his daughter at [] house.
[] went up and had coffee with []

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"At the meeting [] had a lot of clippings about the political situation as it was developing on the North Shore. The clippings were given to ARNOLD JOHNSON who had requested items of local political interest. They were taken from the Beverly 'Times' and Danvers paper.

"On the way home [] received a May 'Political Affairs' and a May 'Masses' from []

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[] discussed [] activities in the Democratic Party. He said he thought [] and [] should be much more careful about attending CP affairs."

A note directed by [] to ARNOLD JOHNSON at the District Committee meeting concerning the possible sale of old books and JOHNSON's response on the back thereof is being enclosed with the copy of this channelizing memorandum designated for the New York Office file on ARNOLD JOHNSON.

[] described [] as follows:

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Name:	[]
Residence:	[]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	[]
Height:	5' 8" or 5' 9"
Weight:	165 to 170 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Dark - heavy eyebrows
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Dark - smooth
Characteristics:	Very fine mannered - intellectual type - joins tips of fingers when in thought. Believes he had a small mustache.

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

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CG 6172-S* on May 26, 1958, provided information reflecting that EUGENE DENNIS, [REDACTED] CARL WINTER, HELEN WINTER, HY LUMER and two unidentified males were at the Headquarters of the CP of Illinois, 36 West Randolph Street, Chicago.

This informal meeting dealt primarily with the agenda and the date for the next meeting of the National Committee (NC), the situation in the Party today and some comments on strategy in industry.

Date and Agenda for the Next Meeting
of the National Committee (NC):

DENNIS said he wanted the group to take up a few matters informally. The first of these matters referred to the possible date and agenda for the next meeting of the NC. DENNIS also mentioned the stories about France and General CHARLES DE GAULLE appearing in the press.

CARL WINTER was critical of the fact that "The Worker" evidently had nothing on the French situation.

[REDACTED] made available to LUMER the statement which he had prepared in regard to the situation in the South Side Section (of the CP of Illinois).

DENNIS gave his opinion about this situation and said he thought a short statement should be published by the Staff here quickly. This statement would be a political one. DENNIS recalled that in the Eastern Seaboard Conference the point had been made with regard to the ultra-Left that it was necessary to bear in mind that the majority in the group were Negroes and Puerto Ricans. This caution was necessary because of the fact that they could point out that for months and months JOHN GATES stated his position, but as soon as the Negroes took a position there was a crackdown. b6 b7C

[REDACTED] endorsed the idea of getting out a statement quickly.

At this point, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT came into the office with "JOHN" (ABT), who announced that LIGHTFOOT's trial had been set up for November 17. LIGHTFOOT and ABT then left the office.

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Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS:

DENNIS said he wanted to raise the question of the time and agenda for the next NC meeting. DENNIS said the question arises whether plans should go forward for holding the NC meeting in June or to delay it until later, perhaps July.

He went on to say that the following questions were left over at the last NC meeting. The question of moving the headquarters to Chicago and the National Labor Policy Statement. He said the NC meetings will benefit from the regional meetings which are being held.

DENNIS suggested that there are two questions to be scheduled for the NC - the Congressional elections and the economic situation. He said there is one question bothering him and that is the method of most constructively handling some of the backwash of the internal situation. He declared it will be a happy day when the NC can meet without this problem.

DENNIS pointed out that Northern California and Washington have a conference scheduled for June 12, 13, 14 and 15, and questions to be taken up there are very similar to what have been taken up here.

CARL WINTER said that there is one thing that bothers him, the paper.

DENNIS said they wanted to take that up. He added that he talked on the phone to BOB THOMPSON who informed him that New York just had the best mobilization on "The Worker" that they have had in the whole period. The State Committee meeting over the weekend went into it.

Discussion on time for the NC meeting followed. Other meetings and events influenced the matter. DENNIS brought up the point that possibly the next meeting might be held in October except that would be a bad time since it is the last month before the elections. DENNIS said he favors the meeting after the next being held immediately after the election. Possibly in between there will be some regional conferences.

Remarks of Unidentified Individual:

An unidentified man said that the points raised by DENNIS certainly must come up for discussion but he would also like to see such questions as the Latin American trip of (Vice President) NIXON. He sees this as a necessity because the Party has to give leadership and guidance and allow people to bring in questions for discussion other than the national question. He described GENE's report on the inner-Party situation the day before as a very good one and said he would like to see a report like that on the agenda of the NC meeting. Further, this should be confined in such a way that it is constructive and does not create an eruption, but the more forthrightly such questions are handled the better.

Remarks of []

[] who had come into the office, wanted the paper taken up and the matter of the sub drive and the fund drive. Further, as soon as possible the Party should go on to the Labor Policy Statement.

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Remarks of []

[] said he feels there is some contradiction between the need to carry out the constitutional requirements and the desire to do so as well as the capacity. He wanted to make sure that any problems that arise are solved within the constitutional framework. He wanted to see problems of factionalism resolved. The NEC can develop the agenda of the NC meeting so factionalists won't take the meeting and to prevent the NC meeting from falling into the hands of factionalists. Something should be done with regard to factionalism because even where districts do not have groups of factionalists there are individuals in communication with factionalists. This is true in Minnesota and in Wisconsin. All this gives rise to political "sit down strikes".

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[] referred to the situations which have arisen where people have resigned their posts in their districts and have no responsibility and are free agents. Yet they retained membership

in the NC and played a role of a negative kind. [] said he felt the meeting held over the weekend was very good and the discussion was very complete. It does not necessarily follow that a NC meeting will take place with the same kind of feeling because in a NC meeting you have a concentration of forces such as was not had at the weekend meeting. [] added he would like to see some action taken with those individuals who retain their NC posts but who have given up their other responsibilities. b6 b7C

[] said he wants to see something done about the minority in the NC. It isn't wrong to have a minority on a single issue but when it becomes a closed minority on every question, this is another matter. He thinks this does not constitute the carrying out of the "right of dissent". It more closely resembles a split. He feels it is necessary to go beyond the steps taken yesterday and they must be aggressive steps to resolve these things. He mentioned [] who has a major role in the ultra-Left. He said there is no question but that there is communication throughout the country between [] and others and no question about other people taking positions. This is a national question and it needs a certain amount of coordination. Beyond this there are serious organizational problems. The financial problem presents a big gap between the desire and what is actually carried out. b6 b7C

Remarks of CARL WINTER:

After HY LUMER said that he favors further discussion with regard to the Labor Policy Statement, CARL WINTER spoke and said he thinks there should be a practical opening up of the (Party) program and an effort made to get to the membership. It doesn't necessarily have to be anything more than giving the Party an assurance that the leadership is ready to go to work on the program preparation. He said he doesn't know whether this should be on the NC agenda or not. He feels that it might be approached through consideration of the Negro question and proceed to tactical questions and consider the theoretical approach and the bearing on the internal situation.

WINTER said that whether this is on the agenda or not he wishes that questions on the agenda could be handled by previous preparation in writing and with limited discussion at the meeting itself. With regard to the question of moving the

Center to Chicago, the people could come to the meeting, not necessarily to hear the details, but to pass on it. Secondly, the Labor Policy Statement should be in the hands of the members before the meeting. This should be approached in a realistic fashion. The Party is not going to have a well-rounded-out trade union resolution, but it is necessary to have something that summarizes the main thoughts of the Regional Labor Conferences and which can be pointed to as a guide until the next convention or the NC (meeting) in the first part of 1959. This must be prepared for the immediate work.

WINTER said that for better or worse it would be better to get it to the membership now with the maximum possible agreement reflected in it so the Party organization can be told to go ahead with it. This should be sent out in advance so you don't have to spend too much time discussing it. In it the decisions of the Regional Labor Conferences should be respected. The membership should be given something from those conferences.

WINTER recalled that in the past things have been handled by reports. He recalls one made by GENE DENNIS on the peace question. [redacted] made one on another subject. Other matters can be handled in the same way with members being given their content a week in advance. These reports can reflect the main line of the Party. The people can come to the NC meeting and concentrate on what is needed without defining what constitutes points of difference. Positions can be clarified at the meeting and amended versions of the report can be made through strengthening or by more information, but everybody will know what the argument is about. WINTER said he thinks this is necessary if the NC is going to be a deliberative body.

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With regard to saving the Party, WINTER said that some non-Party people, who look to the Party for guidance, asked him to speak to them after hearing all kinds of things that the Party has been destroyed. Some of the things he told them reassured them. He thinks this can be done around the Party generally.

WINTER said he wants the financial question faced. It must be admitted that with a smaller membership the Party has smaller resources so it is necessary to scale down things.

WINTER said he wants the matter of the paper settled. He wonders if they are going to dribble along with no way to save

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it. He is ready to consider anything that will save money and make it possible to guarantee the existence of the paper.

WINTER also mentioned that there is the question of registration, which DENNIS dealt with, including the handling of certain categories of members, particularly shop workers.

WINTER said he would like to see all these points included on the agenda but there should be preparation on them outside the NC meeting so that the time in the meeting itself can be used for dealing with some practical questions.

Also WINTER said he would like to see the next NC meeting set up uniform agendas and require the NC to meet in regions, perhaps right after the primaries sometime around the middle of September, in order that an effort can be made to mobilize the Party for the election campaigns.

WINTER recommended that the last NC meeting of the year be held at the very end of the year. He also urged that the next NC meeting be held either June 28 or July 12. At any rate it should be held soon because it has already been delayed too long. The Labor Policy Statement may be meaningless and it will affect the morale of the membership. Getting it out now would be a shot in the arm.

Remarks of HY LUMER:

LUMER recommended that the matter of the (CP) program be handled without necessarily making it a question on the NC agenda. HY LUMER indicated further that not only are some notes of JIM ALLEN being made available but also (ALEX) BITTELMAN has some.

DENNIS stated the program won't be put on this meeting of the NC; however, anybody who wants to make a motion for it can do so. LUMER stated he feels it can be handled through a program committee. He repeated that he thinks it is neither necessary nor advisable to make it a point on the agenda.

Exchange Between EUGENE DENNIS and CARL WINTER:

DENNIS stated that as a matter of information for the comrades, the New York leadership proposed that the NC meeting be held June 14 and 15. Then it heard from Northern California that they are holding what amounts to a convention. MICKIE (LIMA) mentioned that about the same time Southern California would have a convention. The New York people then set the date for the NC at June 29.

DENNIS continued that the Regional Conferences are not technically ~~and the~~ constitutional or political sense substitutes for the NC meeting, but they have a bearing on the date and agenda for the meeting.

Continuing, DENNIS said he feels the question of the move to Chicago and the Labor Policy Statement are all that can be covered in the next NC meeting. Perhaps the comrades should assemble in New York a couple of days in advance of the NC meeting for a Trade Union Commission meeting and then they can go over the Labor Policy Statement.

WINTER repeated his advice and urged that his method of sending out materials and reports and the acting on motions at the meeting be adopted. He said people can come to the meeting better prepared and not ready with just general talk. If they want general talk let them prepare an article for "P.A."

With regard to the international situation, DENNIS stated that the important thing is to get into the hands of the Party material like that in "The Kommunist" on Yugoslavia. Also "P.A." has the Chinese "Pravda" editorial. These will help the thinking.

With regard to the national political questions, DENNIS said there already has been two major discussions in the NEC. They tied their discussions in with the question of GATES.

WINTER said he could see emerging from the NC a motion for a lasting committee on the Labor Policy Statement which will see the light of day in 1959. This is why he favors getting

something out immediately so another round of debate is not set off. He deplored the fact that one and one-half years have passed since the convention with no statement yet. He thinks that if the document drawn up from the Regional Labor Conferences emerges, it will be the most democratically prepared document in the Party in years.

Remarks of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT came into the office and inquired whether a time was set for the NC meeting. DENNIS told him the feeling is that the meeting should go through as scheduled, June 28 or 29. DENNIS then suggested the possibility of regional meetings held shortly after Labor Day. He pointed out the economy of such meetings in view of the fact that a NC meeting in New York runs about \$4,000. The regional meetings afford a savings of around \$3,000.

LIGHTFOOT said he would put in the question at this point of where is the Party going on the question of deciding day-to-day questions in relation to the labor movement. He noted that things must be seen as changing rapidly. He thinks the Negro question and the labor policy question have the earmark of internal approaches. If a Labor Policy Statement is going to be adopted, is it one which can be taken to the masses with a clear answer to problems. If a discussion is held on the Negro question, is it going to be an internal polemic on HARRY HAYWOOD on self-determination? In the Negro movement there is a need for direction. How are the goals set up in the next few years going to be achieved? LIGHTFOOT said that in the meeting he got the feeling, in regard to the electoral policy, that the question of a Farmer-Labor Party, or a Peoples' Party, needs to be sharpened up or else labor won't get what it wants. In other words a fusing is necessary. The anti-monopoly thing, (coalition) has no flesh and maybe the Party can't give it any flesh but at least that is the goal toward which the Party is heading. Even in the Illinois Draft Document there is an oversight of the Democratic Federation of Labor (Democratic Federation of Illinois). This is an independent movement and where does the Party want it to move to? LIGHTFOOT concluded by saying he just wanted to agitate a little but after a pause

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LIGHTFOOT continued and raised the matter of the economic crisis and asked the question, where is the Party on this? Is the crisis a depression? What changes will a change in the political picture bring about?

Conclusion of the Discussion Around NC Meeting:

Going along with LIGHTFOOT, WINTER said he could add a little more friction and asked should not the Party be prepared to say something pretty soon about 1959?

After DENNIS said he sees no need for it at the coming NC meeting, WINTER said that what he had in mind was that since this is a discussion, including the matter of agenda and with the next full meeting of the NC taking place at the end of 1958, there had better be something ahead on the time requirements.

DENNIS said he has enough suggestions for the NC meeting whenever it takes place and it will meet for quite a few days. He asked if it isn't so that the NAACP is having a convention about June 27 or 28.

WINTER asked if anything is being done about possible personnel changes in the NC so far as districts are concerned.

After HELEN WINTER said this must be done by the districts, DENNIS said that there is a question which was left over from the last meeting and which was not covered here and that is the question of the NEC itself. It will be on the agenda of this next meeting.

DENNIS said they wanted to take up here the question of the Labor Commission, a Secretary, etc. After LIGHTFOOT left the meeting for a few minutes, DENNIS said there has been one proposal that the NC have one big over-all report on the election. After WINTER's comment that he thought the Party graduated from that (long reports) a long time ago, DENNIS said he certainly is not among the applicants to give that report. [] said that kind of report will bring out general discussion, but nothing will be decided.

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New York State Elections:

DENNIS told WINTER he would like to ask his impressions of the New York State elections. DENNIS commented that WINTER knows that a conference has been called by the TROTSKYITES and the call has been sent to former state leaders of the A.L.P. (American Labor Party). A draft document is going out in connection with this conference. This group is going hell-bent for a full state ticket. The big objective is to get their party on the ballot.

DENNIS said the CP is on the defensive on this question. He said that this group knows they will get hardly any trade union support, consequently they are being given calls in a selective way. The approach is to have a conference of trade unionists in such and such a local or shop. Nevertheless, their trade union and Negro support will be very very small.

DENNIS said "we" took the position, in respect to the thing, that "we" would look seriously at an independent candidate, not on the basis of this grouping. He said the conference to which he referred will be held June 13 and 14, and he guesses there will be as many as 1,000 delegates.

WINTER agreed with DENNIS that the Party is on the defensive in this matter. He feels that the Party could take the position that what is needed is positive action on the peace issue particularly.

Strategy in Industry:

Comments of EUGENE DENNIS:

The next subject taken up was the labor matter and DENNIS said that everyone knows there is no Labor Secretary and the likelihood is that there won't be a Labor Secretary. There may be strong reasons why there should not be such a post, but this is quite apart from the responsibility. More important than the absence of somebody holding the post of Labor Secretary is the fact that you have the whole National Trade Union Commission with no coordination on an industrial basis, with the exception of auto.

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DENNIS wondered if it could not be possible to consider a commission in this area having the responsibility for industries in this area. The commission in the East would have the responsibility for industries chiefly in its own bailiwick and the West Coast would have lumber and the maritime work.

In these latter two, there is need for national coordination. DENNIS said he thought that where national, over-all coordination was desired, could be reached through the NEC.

DENNIS called for remarks from the others, but before they got underway he expressed a wish for a blackboard, since the lack of one inhibits him. LIGHTFOOT said he doesn't know why it should.

(There was a pause while something was secured upon which to write.)

Remarks of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT declared that he needs no blackboard for what he has to say. He said he would prefer the Party get on top of the labor situation. The Party makes good statements but after the statements are made, what happens to them? How effective are those statements? This arises primarily from the fact that there is a vacuum that has been left in the labor movement as far as the Party is concerned. The vacuum to which he refers is something on an organized basis down below. The generator for much of the activities in the past has been in the Left Trade Unions. There aren't any "left" so to speak now. This means the Party must go back and rebuild at certain points a certain basis of operation and attention should be given to that. It is very well to say what should be done in auto in a contract struggle and have people conversant with all that goes on, but by stopping there, the Party gets no where. So he sees the question of restoring what was formerly called a (pause - there is a sound as though LIGHTFOOT were writing.) After LUMER asked what "it" is called now, LIGHTFOOT said he does not know but "it amounts to the same thing". He said he does not care about "that name" but the content is what he is talking about.

LIGHTFOOT said he will list "these three" (possibly unions and he apparently wrote them down) and not necessarily in the order of their importance. It may be said simply that within these the Party must have a point to which it is working so that three years from now the Party will have achieved springboards from which it can affect the internal policies of the given outfits but also springboards for other political considerations.

LIGHTFOOT said he sat in that meeting the other day and others know CARL's line. What is the concrete situation "here"? (Possibly pointing to one of the three unions, perhaps UAW). Nobody knows it. There was a discussion on contracts: good! But what can be done to help restore the Party organization, if necessary, and he, LIGHTFOOT, does think it is necessary.

LIGHTFOOT went on to raise the question of the situation "here" (evidently pointing to another union, perhaps UERMWA). LIGHTFOOT referred to this grouping as [] (possibly []). He noted that mergers have taken place. Then he asked what is the situation against what it was prior to these? Has any progress been made? If not, why not? LIGHTFOOT said he is urging political leadership which is not departmentalized or specialized. Regardless of the industrial set up the Party has a two-fold job. One is to deal with the industry as such but also to be in a position to handle problems arising out of what [] mentioned the other day how certain shop people begin to go to meetings and tell the workers things as part of a general attitude or general program. Leaflets go to different places and contacts are made as in years gone by. Whatever machinery the Party has must be geared to meet that problem as well as what are the Party relations to the general set up.

LIGHTFOOT said he thinks that a Labor Secretary is not needed in the old sense, but an org. department could handle this. The situation of the past where there were ten or eleven unions requiring coordination does not prevail today. LIGHTFOOT thinks that who ever in the Center is going to head up the org department will pay particular attention to this phase of the work and there may be a committee around that person, with a guy like GEORGE [] or MEYERS) or who ever knows industry in general.

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DENNIS asked whether LIGHTFOOT was not urging coordination assuming the org. department or whatever it is that concerns itself with the trade union work. LIGHTFOOT said he was not arguing against the point of coordination.

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[] spoke and urged that something be done on the problem since there is nothing in existence now. He felt that one reason why this has not been settled is that there are too many diversions which take away all the time. He thinks that it is a sad commentary, for instance, that the Party goes into a defense job without asking the help of the trade union people.

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[] said that he had talked mostly with [] and the staff and at this time he sees no one else who can handle the work. Therefore, the Party must look for a substitute which is far from ideal and less preferable than having coordination through a National Labor Secretary. Because the Party had a Labor Secretary who operated as the Party as a whole operated, to a large degree on a top level of operation, does not mean that this has to be a way of life by any means. Just because it has been compartmented doesn't mean it can't be corrected. Just as the Party emphasized centralism and not enough democracy, does not mean an attempt can't be made to correct this.

[] said he feels that seeking national coordination of the trade union work is essential and it is impossible to operate without a National Trade Union Commission. Whether this commission has representatives from the regional structure and meets to coordinate or not, it could be valuable as a coordinator. It might be decided to have three trade union committees in the regions and they could meet on a regular basis. Then the Chairman and Secretary could constitute the National Trade Union Commission.

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[] said he feels it is not good enough to have merely a regional structure without a sub-committee of the NC. When [] suggested the D.O. of Michigan as possibly being in charge of this region, WINTER said "impossible!"

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[] recalled that DENNIS once talked of the utilization here of (writing). A group like this could play the same role which [] does, and it would lead and set policy and would also have the kind of connections which he considers essential. He said he thinks the Party cannot work out a policy on limited contacts with comrades in the shops. It must be done industry by industry. In the 1930s the Party relied on everybody, not just a few, in steel.

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Concluding, [] said he thinks that for the time being and as the process of rebuilding the Party goes on, a division of labor on an industry-wide basis can be arranged with a form of national coordination working with the org. department and ~~existing~~ this as time goes on. He said he thinks it is bad that since the resignation of the Labor Secretary and in the last few months there has not been a collective discussion with any other part of the country on these questions.

Remarks of CARL WINTER:

CARL WINTER said he favors the regional arrangement through necessity and maybe it will prove to be a virtue. For the long haul though, what is necessary is something which combines features of both what GENE and [] are considering. He also agrees that in the long view what CLAUDE has raised must be dealt with.

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He said he thinks something is needed like (writing) a bulletin, or some vehicle for these things. In auto, the only reason the Party can be effective in any degree, after decisions are reached, is that they can be conveyed to people who make them their own.

WINTER said that at the last convention (writing) came out in a special edition and "we wrote it". This is how opinions can be conveyed. There is no means of communication with something like "this". It it were of a national character then there is a certain legitimacy that it acquires and people can begin a national exchange. "We pleaded with these people to prepare some material and some of our people can participate".

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He indicated that the (press) credentials which [] and [] have are helpful.

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WINTER said he thinks there are a lot of places that can be rediscovered and reactivated. In the meantime he favors the regional Party Commission idea. It offers a possibility for work. The NEC should coordinate wherever necessary. He said he thought "March of Labor" was really on its way about the time it folded up. It acquired a line and a style and it began to get contributors.

General Discussion:

(DENNIS began writing and from the conversation he was recording possibilities for the Trade Union Commission.) After DENNIS had written, LIGHTFOOT stated he wanted to propose [] instead of himself. LIGHTFOOT said he thinks he cannot make the contribution in this field that he can in the Negro field.

WINTER said that he has grave problems. LIGHTFOOT said he cannot see a labor set-up without CARL. WINTER said if he works on the trade unions then a D.O. is needed for Michigan.

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Upon [] suggestion, the offering of proposals for the Trade Union Commission was postponed until the NC meeting.

WINTER commented that certainly the Midwest Labor Conference was a great demonstration of the validity of the regional arrangement. With a little top coordination on a regional basis and periodic conferences the Party can make progress.

WINTER suggested that a Secretary of such a regional set up should be in Chicago. [] said the stuff is really piling up and he would agree to act as Secretary of the Commission.

This informal meeting ended at this point.

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"May 25, 1958

"Monday, May 19 - I attended a North Shore section meeting of of the New England Communist Party at [redacted] in Lynn.

"Those attending were: [redacted]
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"A colored man entered [redacted] apartment on the first floor when we entered the house.

"Points on the agenda to be discussed were: Sane Committee Political Action, Minority Report, Report by [redacted] on the Eastern Seaboard Conference, Election.

"On the same committee [redacted] reported that [redacted] had not yet seen [redacted] and others to approach them on working to have advertisement run in a Lynn paper for the Sane Committee on Nuclear Policy.

[redacted] was supposed to give a report on Political Action but was not prepared. He merely stated that various issues would come up as the election time became closer.

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"We all agreed that we should be alert to issues like unemployment benefits, sales tax, withholding tax, etc. and taking advantage of these to notify the voters. On the minority report we voted in favor of the majority report with the exception of [redacted] who abstained, not having read the minority report and [redacted] who voted for the minority report.

[redacted] said that it is the first time since the convention that the National Committee can proceed to work now that a vote has been taken.

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[] gave a report on the Eastern Seaboard Conference at which he, MIKE RUSSO and [] attended.

[] said that ARNOLD JOHNSON had spoken at the conference and said that the depression and work for peace are the most important activities.

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[] said that Saturday afternoon was given to political action and that ARNOLD JOHNSON had said that the work of comrades in the Democratic Party was not just building the Democratic Party but to work toward gaining an anti-monopoly colition within the Democratic Party.

[] said that ARNOLD JOHNSON explained that in working on issues pertaining to the depression we should work with the same anti-monopoly colition in mind. He also told of working for Negro rights, civil liberties, etc.

[] said that Sunday the conference was devoted to conditions within the Communist Party. [] said that BOB THOMPSON was to speak and participate and did attend for a while but did not feel well enough to participate. [] attributed his illness to a head injury. DENNIS took over in THOMPSON's place.

[] reported that in the 4th district in Pennsylvania (I think [] said Philadelphia area) the Party members have been able to work in both the Democratic and Republican Parties and have been successful in getting a Negro candidate on the ballott in both parties.

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[] said that DENNIS had said that we should work to get Negro and labor candidates on the ballott and elected.

[] reported that DENNIS had reported a registration of 900 industrial members in New York with an additional nine new members. DENNIS said that there are 6000 paying dues members in

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the country. He also said that the sale of 'Political Affairs' runs between 7000 and 8500. [] said that DENNIS said that by the end of the year we should have 10,000 paying members.

"According to [] DENNIS had said that we should get as many old members back into the Party as possible and also keep in close touch with unemployed people.

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"He said that DENNIS had told of how 26 people in Southern California had left the party as a group and had given out damaging statements against the party. He said that members in northern California had repudiated these 26 people.

"He also told how DENNIS had said that 60 people in New York had thought of leaving the party because the party was not revolutionary enough but decided to stay.

"He said that DENNIS reported that in June, 1957 we had 9500 Worker subs and that now we have 12,000.

[] reported that [] of the Socialist Labor Party had been to see them and had explained that they had to hold a meeting in order to stay on the ballot and wished [] and others to attend to help them do this.

"We discussed whether we should support the Socialist Labor Party in this and decided we should.

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[] said that she thought only member of the Communist Party who are known should attend this meeting at the [] on Thursday, May 22. She did not think the [] or [] should attend.

[] said he did not think we should meet at the [] in Beverly because of security reasons as both [] are working in the Democratic Party. We decided to hold our next meeting at the Russian Club hall on Northend Street, Peabody on Monday, June 2.

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"After some conversation between [redacted] regarding [redacted] telling [redacted] how his stepson [redacted] was being investigated because the [redacted] had given \$10.00 which was used to support 'Daily Worker,' [redacted] said that undoubtedly the F.B.I. has some information on the [redacted] but as there have been no 'stooges' on the North Shore they can not prove it.

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On 6/4/58, NY 2179-S* advised that a meeting was held on the above date in the third floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to informant, those in attendance were BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., JACK STACHEL, WILLIAM WEINSTONE and V. J. JEROME. The discussion pertained primarily to the Jewish question.

Informant advised that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., opened the meeting by reading a letter dated 5/27/58 from Los Angeles, California, from ELIZABETH (GURLEY FLYNN) which letter DAVIS stated was addressed to JACK (STACHEL?). According to the informant, ELIZABETH's letter stated as follows:

"I" have written to you about some of the problems here (California) relating to the Jewish question. It is a constant topic of discussion wherever our "Jewish comrades" and friends gather. Some have "left the Party..." ELIZABETH indicated that she was not too informed on the Jewish question and said that she had met with [redacted]. He [redacted] is in the unhappy position of a "retired leader" and is not readily accepted here.

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Continuing, informant advised that the letter referred to some sort of a fund drive which was held simultaneously with the "People's World" drive which made it hard and "almost disastrous" to both our Party groups. The letter stated that there were some 500,000 Jewish population in Los Angeles and "our people are largely elderly, retired from our (Party?) and not able to work outside in --- leadership." ELIZABETH stated in her letter that the Jewish question upsets them and "we" must find a way to deal with them. How? "I" am not prepared to say. I hope you are well enough to deal with it. [redacted] (ph) says that one editorial is not enough, although it stirred up quite a (birds nest?). There must be a continuing campaign on the subject. Apparently, NOVICK (ph) (possibly PAUL NOVICK, Editor of "Morning Freiheit") did not "allay the fears and doubts...of our Jewish comrades." [redacted]

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wanted me to say to you "they will separate the paper away from the Party." He [] said the situation is more dangerous than the (Daily) Worker with (JOHN) GATES. "I" felt I should write to you about it.

ELIZABETH stated that there is a Jewish Commission here headed by a (Doctor?) (ph). "I" have not met him although "our comrades" speak well of him. He (the doctor?) and [] have had "head on collisions on this question." A very "level-headed" woman, [], who used to be with the IWO, is in charge of the -----.

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Continuing, the letter stated "our Party is down to about 1,000." They are hoping to register that many. "I" wrote to GENE (DENNIS) of my interview with ANNA LOUISE STRONG (ph) who had some --- ideas on the Jewish question in the Soviet Union. "They (Soviet Union?) have their problems and are probably not aware of the impact that it involves here. If you can get some authoritative statement or a report to me from there (National Office?) it would help."

Informant advised that ELIZABETH closed her letter by stating that she would return to New York about 6/9/58, and would probably stop off in Chicago first.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

Well, shall we have some discussion on this?
Who wants the floor?

Remarks of WILLIAM WEINSTONE

According to the informant, WEINSTONE commented that they should not limit their discussions just to this "Commission" that they set up but should involve working class elements.....

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Remarks of BEN DAVIS

It seems to me that it might be advisable to inform various -- in the Party that the NEC, the Resident Committee, has set up a subcommittee which is functioning and which is attempting to make order out of chaos in order to get to the basic issues involved in the Party position on the Jewish question. At least to create the impression that the "national citadel" is not just sitting on its hands regarding a very big ideological field of dispute.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

STACHEL remarked that the comrades in the Party want to be assured.

Remarks of V. J. JEROME

Informant advised that JEROME then read excerpts from a book by LEVY regarding the Jewish situation in the Soviet Union. (It is believed that JEROME is referring to the book by Professor HYMAN LEVY entitled "The Jews and the Nationality Question".)

Remarks of WILLIAM WEINSTONE

"I" think JERRY (JEROME) did a service in first outlining LEVY's book for us because "I" did not have a chance to read it. WEINSTONE commented on the question of Jewish culture. It (believed referring to LEVY's book) deals with the question...it does not deal with the problems...it is too summary? He indicated that the question of culture has to be recognized as a substantial problem. He stated that in his opinion there remains certain problems in the Soviet...and that is the question of the publication of Yiddish? He commented that if as the language of Russian Jews is Russian ---as the language of the American Jews is English, there are still writers...that want to see their work published, even the small ones.

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Continuing, WEINSTONE commented, and referred to LENIN, that the Jews have the right to express themselves in their own language. They have a right to types of organizations in which they can meet their necessary needs. But in regard to the question of other types of organizations, says LENIN in his article whether or not the Jews shall have an independent party, he (LENIN?) warns against anything which tends...away from the Russian proletariat... Continuing, WEINSTONE commented that any national organization in his opinion has to be settled upon the very practical considerations of whether it is helpful to the general unification process in the interest of internationalism.

WEINSTONE commented that in the past 40 years, a basic change has taken place in the Soviet Union as it has taken place in the United States in regard to language. Informant advised that he then referred to a publication called "Advance" which he said was published formerly in English and Yiddish but today is only published in English. He stated that at one time the ILGWU published its magazine in Yiddish and English while today it is published only in English. Informant advised that at this point JACK STACHEL interrupted WEINSTONE by commenting that it is also published in Italian and Spanish but not Yiddish.

Continuing, WEINSTONE referred to a remark made by DUBINSKY (ph) (believed referring to DAVID DUBINSKY, President of the ILGWU) who said "You know I am Jewish but we are not a culture institution. We are a trade union." WEINSTONE commented that he (DUBINSKY) recognized that predominantly the Jewish workers in the ILGWU are reading English. He said one must recognize the changes that are taking place in the United States among the Jews... the predominant language is English. If there is a desire and need for expression in Yiddish, "we" should encourage it by all means. He said that in his opinion this was not essential except in as far as the Jewish have the right to express themselves culturally in the language which they desire.

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"I" think that our concern with it shall not become a weapon of struggle against the Soviet Union...and it shall not surmount tremendous achievements which the Jews have made in the Soviet Union.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

STACHEL stated that the most important thing is that any Socialist...has to defend the Soviet Union against every enemy -- open or concealed...whether it is anyone in our own ranks... The Soviet Union follows a policy of complete integration...as against the United States where in the Navy or certain other agencies or in utilities you can hardly find a Jew. He asked "why is this permissible..."

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

DAVIS commented that whatever he says on the subject is subject to the handicap of not reading the review and also of not reading LEVY's book. Whatever "I" say will be subject to reconsideration after reading both the review and the book. "I" would say that the combination of WILL's (WEINSTONE) and JACK's (STACHEL) reports coupled with JERRY's (JEROME) rather bold criticism would be a rounded out picture. According to the informant, DAVIS opened his remarks by referring to the question of revisionism with respect to the Jewish question. He stated "we" cannot any more prescribe limitations to the Party on what the Soviet Union does any more than what "we" do. "We" have to find a way to defend the position of the Soviet Union and its basic role... He indicated that "we" have to compete in "ideals" as well as in programs and in actions with people, irrespective of particular relationship to the Party. He stated that "we" have a kind of responsibility of competition greater than they ever had before. DAVIS indicated that LEVY? does not understand that these mistakes and "injustices",

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as gross as they were, were departures from Marxism and Socialism... and in this way he adopts the same bourgeoisie attitude. DAVIS further remarked that the Soviet Union was continually building the process of Socialism...

He said that they (the Soviet Union?) should do something also on the "women question." "I" think the Soviet is going to get around to that...they are now going through a process where they are examining the whole question of Jewish culture... DAVIS concluded his remarks by indicating that there should be more discussion in order to develop a proper position.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

STACHEL commented that they should have another meeting in order to get everyone's viewpoint.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

DAVIS indicated that the Party needs to develop a Party position and indicated that it was not enough just to have NOVICK (PAUL NOVICK) to give a report on his trip.

Remarks of WILLIAM WEINSTONE

"I" propose that as a result of this committee "we" set up a subcommittee. He indicated this subcommittee would consist of possibly three people mentioning two names JERRY (JEROME) and PAUL (NOVICK?).

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

So: ask PAUL? to present to us the next time what he considers the most important problems...

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Remarks of JACK STACHEL

The way "I" see it on Israel----Soviet Union
"we" will have to establish a policy---.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

"I" would suggest that at the next meeting
PAUL (NOVICK?) come -- and all the rest... "I" am
very much against setting up a committee composed of (MORRIS?)
SCHAPPES (ph) and PAUL (NOVICK?) and WILL (WEINSTONE?)
or somebody... The next time "I" think we need to go
into more discussion.

Remarks of WILLIAM WEINSTONE

WEINSTONE commented that the next meeting
possible Thursday or Friday (6/6/58) they have a
luncheon and sit around and discuss it. "We" all
agree that PAUL (NOVICK?) is going to make a report
on the progress but "we" ought to give some direction
to the work so maybe we can have another session.

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